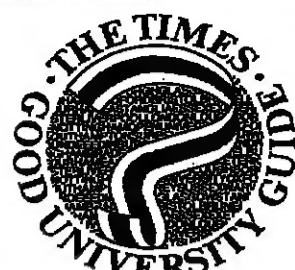


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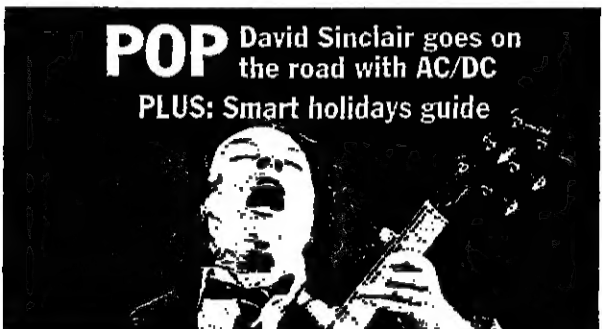
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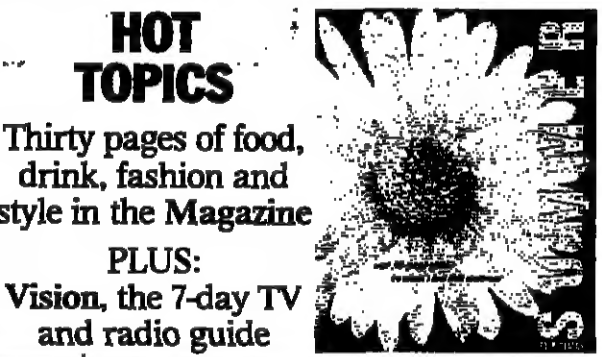
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McGuinness hint raises hopes of a new ceasefire

By NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

MARTIN MCGUINNESS, Sinn Féin's chief negotiator, signalled yesterday that the IRA was considering a renewed ceasefire to allow republicans to join all-party talks on June 10.

Amid intense speculation about the IRA's strategy, Mr McGuinness said he would call for a new ceasefire if John Major gave an assurance that the talks would be "real and meaningful". He insisted that the Prime Minister should also give an undertaking that the arms issue would not hold up talks and that Unionists would not be allowed to block progress.

Mr McGuinness, who is respected by IRA hardliners, said on ITV's *Jonathan Dimbleby* programme: "If the British Government are prepared to say that, and if the British Government are prepared to accept the reality that the decommissioning issue isn't going to be resolved that easily... then I think that we can go again to the IRA and attempt to persuade them."

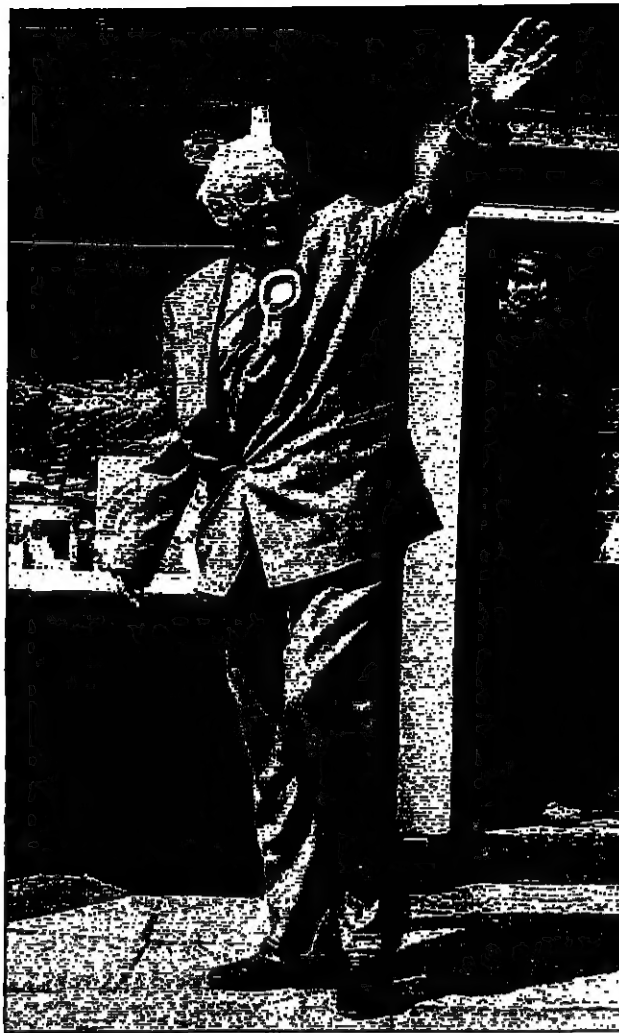
He added that the IRA were "open to persuasion" and that he "desperately" wanted to see a new ceasefire. He said: "If there are to be real and meaningful peace negotiations... beginning on June 10, then I am passionately of the opinion that they must take place in a peaceful atmosphere. That means securing a second IRA ceasefire."

Mr McGuinness also held out hope when he gave a guarded welcome to the suggestion by Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, that disarmament should be discussed separately from the main talks.

There is considerable uncertainty on both sides of the Irish border about the IRA's intentions. Senior members of the Irish Republic's opposition Fianna Fáil party, who have had regular talks with Sinn Féin, are understood to be pessimistic about the chances of a renewed ceasefire. They were told that senior republicans are wary of being sucked into a process dominated by Britain and the Unionists.

A total of 24 parties will contest the May 30 Ulster election to a 110-member forum. Parties elected to the forum will appoint delegates to the all-party talks.

Russian intelligence services are ready to inform Britain and Ireland about IRA arms supplies from the Baltic republic of Estonia to IRA. ITAR-TASS news agency said Sunday. The Estonian foreign ministry denied the allegations.



The Rev Ian Paisley campaigning in Larne yesterday

Paisley hits the campaign trail

THE Rev Ian Paisley's cavalcade swept across Northern Ireland over the weekend: the Democratic Unionist leader has begun campaigning for this month's elections for all-party talks well ahead of his political rivals (Nicholas Watt writes).

In the centre of Coleraine, Co Londonderry, on Saturday afternoon, a beaming Mr Paisley made for white-haired ladies as they did their shopping. "Hello ladies," Mr Paisley declared as he handed out his party leaflet. "I will feel so much better if you give me the kiss of life on May 30 to fight the battle."

Mr Paisley took the delighted pensioners aside to confide in them about the other battle he has to wage every day. They chuckled as he said: "This morning I told my wife that I hoped she was not going to be hard on me today. She told me to shut up, and so I told her that if only people

knew how hard she is on me I would get more sympathy."

A veteran of 17 Northern Ireland elections, Mr Paisley, who was 70 last month, is at his best on the stump. The rabble-rousing voice is nowhere to be heard and the jabbing finger is replaced by a warm handshake. He left the tough political message to his party colleagues as they toured loyalist housing estates on the outskirts of Coleraine.

Three vans decorated with pictures of Mr Paisley and blaring out loyalist pipe-band music, acted as a warm-up for "the Doc" who followed in a truck. Peter Robinson, the party's MP for East Belfast, and the Rev William McCrea, MP for Mid-Ulster, took it in turns to announce their leader's arrival. "Vote DUP and show Ulster's enemies we are not defeated. We give you hope," Mr Robinson said. A party aide whispered: "and no Pope too."

Watchdog calls for inquiry into jail brutality

By STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE board of visitors at Wandsworth jail in south London is calling for an urgent Home Office inquiry into increasing allegations by inmates of assault and bullying by prison officers.

In its annual report the board, an independent watchdog appointed by the Home Office to check prisoners' conditions and complaints, says that in 1994 there were 93 complaints against staff, and last year the figure rose to 100 and involved 43 officers and 77 allegations of assault. One officer faced complaints from five different prisoners. Three officers each faced three separate allegations and a further three were each accused of two offences.

After monitoring complaints made by inmates against staff over the past two years, the board is urging Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to set up an investigation into conditions at the jail.

Officials have already told the board that complaints are treated seriously and investigated, but the visitors say they remain worried by the level of the complaints.

The Rev Martin Clarke, the board of visitors' chairman, said that the complaints first began to emerge three years ago. At the time no records were kept and the board arranged for them to be made after prisoners coming forward with allegations of brutality.

More than 80 of last year's allegations were later withdrawn or unsubstantiated, and only five led to formal action. Mr Clarke said that it was difficult for prisoners to prove their cases and that no officer had been found guilty. He said prison officers did not have to answer questions and could simply make a statement denying that they had made the assaults.

The worst case involved a prisoner who said he was assaulted and had photographs to show the bruising. He said he was attacked when he was searched for drugs after a visit. However, he later began to change his story and the allegations were dropped.

Mr Clarke said there was concern that weak and feeble prisoners might be picked on. On the other hand, many of the allegations arose from searches for drugs after visits and the prison officers said that the inmates became violent when confronted with drugs found on them.

The prison holds up to 1,600 remand and convicted prisoners.

Labour to spell out £1.5bn plan for young

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown will unveil a £1.5 billion package of proposals this week to eradicate youth unemployment and to give all over-16s access to education or training. The Labour leader will announce an ambitious deal for "Britain's lost generation" as part of a co-ordinated programme to combat youth crime and ensure that more youngsters stay on at school.

The package would be partly funded from a windfall tax on privatised utilities, although some money could come from Mr Brown's plans to scrap child benefit for 16 to 18 year olds, which would raise up to £700 million. Mr Brown will also give further details of his scheme to withdraw 40 per cent of benefit from youngsters who fail to take up one of four training or employment opportunities within four weeks.

Primary tests start

More than 600,000 11-year-olds will begin tests today intended to produce the first primary league tables next March. But the National Association of Head Teachers will advise members to urge school governors not to submit the results for publication. The union claims that the Government reneged on a commitment not to compile league tables until the tests had bedded down.

Church drug survey

Young people with a church upbringing are as likely to take drugs as those from non-Christian families, a survey published today says. Of more than 7,500 church-going young people questioned, nearly half of those offered drugs had tried them. The figures, from the Evangelical Alliance, a Christian umbrella group, are similar to those in secular surveys. There was little under-age drinking, however.

Simpson unabashed

O.J. Simpson played a round of golf in Surrey yesterday before the television interview tonight that has brought him to Britain. As Simpson set off from his London hotel he refused to be put off by questions about the murder of his wife Nicole, of which he was cleared. He laughed when a reporter asked: "Where were you on the night of the murder?", before speeding off in a chauffeur-driven car.

School row father dies

A man whose son was at the centre of a strike threat by teachers has died of a heart attack. Philip Wilding, 56, of Nottingham, right, was admitted to hospital after complaining of chest pains at his home and collapsing. He died at the Queen's Medical Centre. Teachers at Glaisdale Comprehensive called off their strike after refusing to teach Richard Wilding, 13, because of his disruptive behaviour.



Bradman breaks record

A cricket bat used by Don Bradman to score 212 against England at a Test Match in Adelaide in 1937 set a £23,000 world auction record when it was sold to an anonymous telephone buyer at Phillips in London yesterday. The bat, which was estimated at £300 to £500, was the high point of a sale built around the memorabilia of the late Brian Johnston, the BBC commentator known as Jonners.

Back in the tigers' den



The millionaire zoo owner John Aspinall playing in the tigers' cages yesterday for the first time in public since the death of a keeper at his Howlets wildlife park near Canterbury. Mr Aspinall has won an industrial tribunal case against Canterbury City Council, which wanted to ban keepers from entering tiger enclosures after Trevor Smith was mauled to death in November 1994.

Eight share jackpot

Eight tickets won a share of this week's National Lottery jackpot of £8.9 million, each receiving £1,115,190. A total of 16 tickets matched five balls plus the bonus ball, each winning £171,567. There were 1,766 winners who matched five balls for £971 each.

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Beef bill may halt tax cuts

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remember the taxes," he said on BBC1's *On the Record*.

The Chancellor conceded that public borrowing was higher than he had expected and the Treasury had made a mistake in its revenue forecasts and had less tax coming in than had been predicted.

While not ruling out tax cuts in the Budget, Mr Clarke said that he would only deliver them if the Government could afford them and if it was in the interests of the economy.

Mr Clarke's comments drew a furious response from rightwingers who claimed it was time the Chancellor

"grasped the nettle" on public spending.

Meanwhile Cabinet divisions resurfaced over Britain's negotiating tactics over trying to lift the European ban on British beef. While Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, signalled on GMTV's *Sunday* programme that he would back retaliatory action, Mr Clarke said he was opposed to "political gesturing" to solve the beef crisis.

On Wednesday, the European standing veterinary committee will vote on the European Commission's proposal to ease restrictions on beef products, including se-

men, gelatin and tallow. If the ban stays, Britain will have another chance to lift it at the council of agricultural ministers on May 20. In his visit to London this week, President Chirac is expected to come under pressure from John Major to side with Britain.

Gavin Strang, Shadow Agriculture Minister, last night criticised the Government for failing to investigate the fact that 67 per cent of BSE cases was in cattle born after the ban on feed containing BSE agents imposed in 1988.

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Slaughtered cattle may be burnt at power stations

By MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BURNING the remains of cattle as fuel in power stations is being seriously considered by the Government because the animals can no longer be eaten.

Cattle over 30 months old, regarded as more likely to be infected with "mad cow" disease, are being slaughtered under a £630 million scheme to keep them out of the food chain and restore consumer

confidence in beef. The Ministry of Agriculture expects the much-delayed scheme, which began formally on May 1, to become "fully operational" today. Up to 25,000 cattle will be killed every week.

Farmers said yesterday they wanted cattle to be killed at an even faster rate to clear the backlog of at least 150,000 unsaleable animals and enable them to start receiving compensation. Farmers will be paid on average between £480 and £800 per animal.

Bill Rodney, 49, a beef

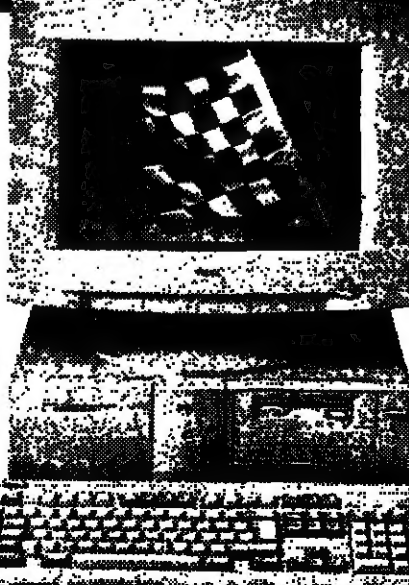
farmer from Healey, North Yorkshire, who was found dead outside a barn last week after apparently turning his shotgun on himself, was said yesterday by relatives to have been under stress because of uncertainty over the future of his herd.

Ken Rodney, the dead man's brother, said: "We have got a load of cattle over the age of 30 months but we still do not know when we will be able to get rid of them. It looks to me as if this was preying on Bill's mind."

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Doomed passengers bought cheap tickets for aircraft with history of engine trouble

Jet disappears in quicksand of the Everglades

FROM QUENTIN LETTIS
IN NEW YORK

FLECKS of white wreckage and some blackened grass in the marshlands of Florida were virtually all there was to show yesterday after the nosedive crash of a DC9 jet that killed all 109 people aboard.

Emergency workers, in a fruitless rescue exercise, were perplexed and appalled by a crash which has left almost no remains. It appeared that ValuJet Flight 592 either exploded into smithereens when it hit the ground on Saturday afternoon or was quickly sucked below the mud and waters of the treacherous Everglades. A few shards of fuselage measuring no more than six feet were all that was left of the aircraft.

Witnesses said that the doomed plane plummeted at a 75 degree angle. "It was terrible. Nothing could have survived that," said Daniel Muehlaupt, a local flying instructor who had been giving a lesson. "I thought it was doing a manoeuvre but it didn't pull up and, wham!" he said. Mr Muehlaupt flew immediately to the scene of the crash and his pupil Rick DeLisle used field glasses to search for survivors, but could see no one.

The crash was also watched by an angler, Chris Osoola. "I said, 'it's gonna crash' and then, boom!" he said yesterday. The impact threw up a massive, mushroom-shaped cloud of mud, smoke and spray.

A US Coast Guard helicopter en route from an airshow to Miami was in the vicinity and flew at once to the crash site. Lieutenant Commander Mark Feldman said: "We were really surprised at the lack of debris. We were told it was a DC9, but from what we saw we simply could not believe it. There was some clothing, nothing else, and nothing we could do."

The 27-year-old jet, owned

A video that shows air crashes in slow motion was condemned as voyeuristic yesterday. Air Disasters has the same executive producer as the controversial Police Stop! videos. Some crashes are shown over and over again and there are scenes of military aircraft crashing into crowds at air shows. "How often do you need to show a crash? The whole thing is voyeuristic," said William Beckett, co-chairman of Seisafe, which was formed after the 1985 Manchester air disaster in which his daughter Sarah, 18, died. Fifth Estate Video, maker of Air Disasters, said the 45-minute video made important claims about air safety. "How can you get the message about safety across if you don't show crashes?"

by the discount airline ValuJet, had a recent history of engine troubles. Since 1994 it had made seven post-take-off returns to airports after reporting mechanical snags such as oil leaks and hydraulic pump failures. Last year, it made an emergency landing at Memphis, Tennessee, because of sudden loss of cabin pressure.

Soon after taking off from

Miami the pilot reported smoke in the cabin. The plane vanished from radar screens at 2.25pm, 30 minutes after it left for Atlanta, Georgia.

Salvage teams were frustrated by the muddy terrain. The Everglades wetlands cover some 5,000 square miles of the land west of Miami and many parts are inaccessible. Robert Francis, of the National Transportation Safety Board, said: "This is not going to be the friendliest environment to do an accident investigation."

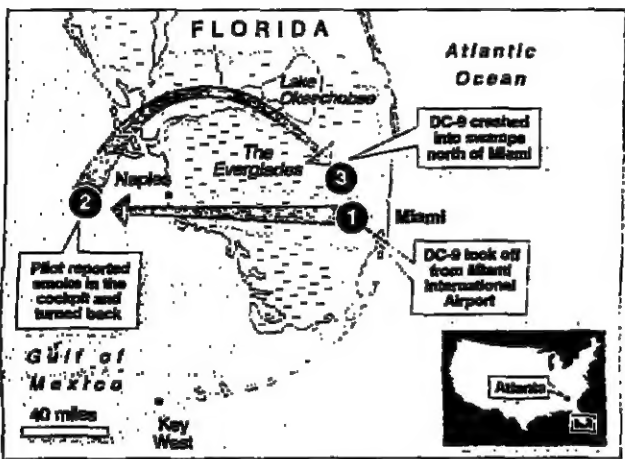
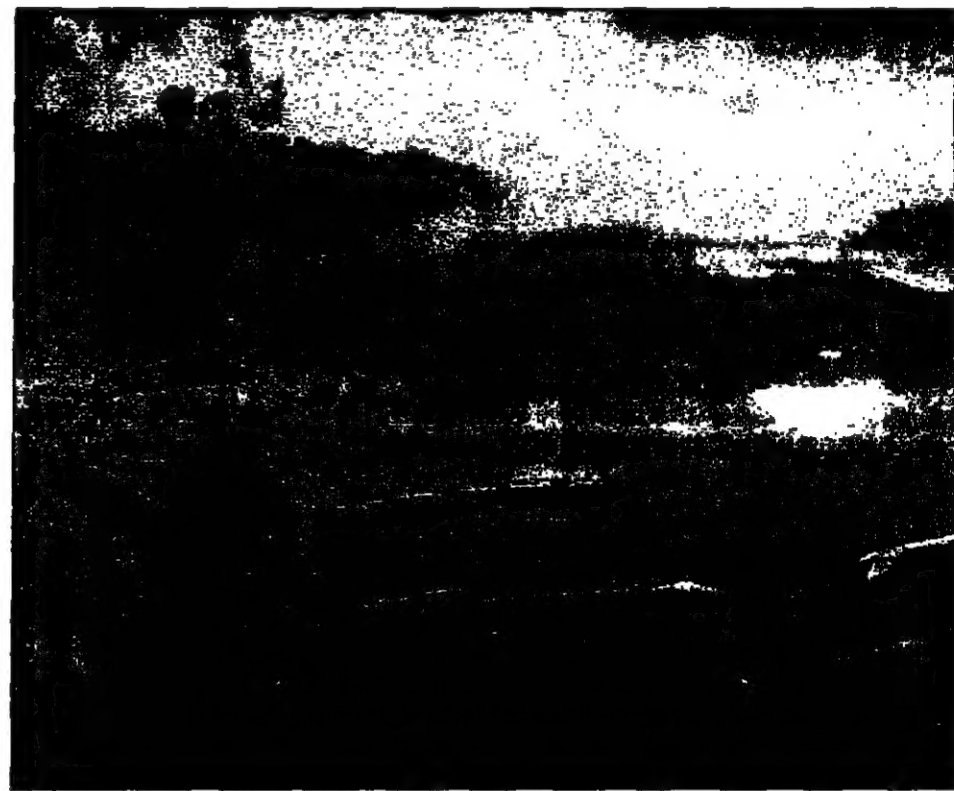
By yesterday afternoon workers had still to retrieve the DC9's "black box" flight recorder, which was equipped with a radio beacon. Bulldozers started to beat a path to the crash site to allow heavy-lifting machinery a chance to reach the area, but the road-building exercise had to be called off because of the marshiness of the land.

In many places the water was no more than three feet deep but the mud underfoot was thick and glutinous and threatened to suck men and machines under.

Amid the usual rituals of emergency helicopters, the evident distress of victims' relations and the heavy press presence, this air crash had the added elements of alligators, quicksand and the death of a minor celebrity. The passenger list for flight 592



A helicopter flies over the spot where the ValuJet DC9 went down in Florida. Below, helpless volunteers watch the sun set on the Everglades



showed that Rodney Culver, a running back with the San Diego Chargers American football team, had been on board.

Luis Fernandez, a rescue worker, said: "There were a lot of alligators and snakes in there and a lot of the debris is settling into the muck." He and other emergency workers were distressed when they came across a family photograph album and baby clothes. "We're all human and this is not easy on us," he said.

The luckiest man in the episode was Terry Huckabee, an Atlanta businessman who narrowly missed the flight. When he arrived late at the ticket counter he complained to the ValuJet ground staff: "I'm having a bad day. I missed my flight and I lost a dollar in the vending machine." A ValuJet check-in assistant said quietly: "No, you're the luckiest man alive."

At Atlanta airport, relations of those who had made it on to the flight were taken to a private room after news of the

crash was announced on the public address. Counsellors were on hand to comfort the bereaved. One man was so overcome that he collapsed, dropping the large bouquet of carnations he had bought to greet a loved one.

President Clinton offered his condolences to the victims' families from a White House still bruised by the death in an air crash of the former Commerce Secretary Ron Brown. "All Americans join Hillary and me in offering our hopes and prayers to the families and friends of those aboard the ValuJet," he said in a statement.

ValuJet has suffered a number of safety scares in recent months. In January another of its ageing DC9s hit a snow drift at Dulles Airport in Washington while a third plane became stuck in mud at Atlanta airport. In February a ValuJet aeroplane left the runway in Savannah, Georgia, and in March an emergency chute was activated on a ValuJet in Tampa, Florida.

Lifesaver earns precious reward

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TAIWANESE millionaire showed his gratitude to the British couple who saved him from drowning by sending them his gold credit card with instructions to book a luxury holiday.

Howell Chou was spotted floating motionless in the Caribbean by Mel and Philippa Feldman.

The 75-year-old, who owns a computer company in Taipei, had got into difficulties while swimming. Mr Feldman, a barber from Bury, Greater Manchester, pulled the businessman from the sea and summoned medical help. "He was lifeless and the lifeguards began working on him," he said. "He coughed up a load of water but did not regain consciousness. He was given oxygen and stretched to the ship's hospital, then airlifted by helicopter to a hospital in Miami."

Mr and Mrs Feldman were on the same cruise as Mr Howell. The rescue happened while the ship was moored off the Bahamas. "The people he

was travelling with took my name and address and he contacted me some weeks later to say he had fully recovered and was back home," Mr Feldman said.

"He visited us in Bury to say thank you in person and brought us some lovely gifts. Then he invited us over and sent his gold card with a letter of authorisation so we could book a holiday at his expense."

The couple, who have just returned from their trip, spent five days in the Taiwanese capital where they travelled everywhere in their host's limousine. At a banquet in their honour they ate from gold plates with gold-tipped chopsticks.

From Taipei they flew to Hong Kong, Singapore and Bali. "It was a fantastic gesture of kindness. We had a wonderful time. It was something we would only have dreamed about in the past. We never expected he would be so kind. A phone call or letter would have sufficed."

Sky's the limit for romantic groom

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A BRIDEGROOM indulged in a long-held flight of fancy yesterday when he exchanged wedding rings with his fiancée in a 40-seater jet 2,000 feet above St Paul's Cathedral.

Milan Chhatrisha, 26, a commercial insurance underwriter from Leicester, married Komal, 24, according to the traditions of the Hindu wedding service. He said: "We had to get special flight permission to circle above the cathedral, but we wanted to get married precisely there because it is such a romantic location."

"I have been wanting to do this since I was a pupil at boarding school. It is a dream I have been waiting all my lifetime to fulfil. It is real fairytale stuff."

Traditional wedding fare replaced the in-flight menu but cutting the three-tier wedding cake had to wait until the couple were back on the ground. The ceremonies were completed at a marquee at Coventry airport and at an

Indian restaurant in Leicester run by the bride's guardian. Mr Chhatrisha had flown to the airport by helicopter and his bride arrived in a white Rolls-Royce. They walked along a red carpet through an arch of flowers to the plane.

Rajesh Chouhan, who runs an Asian wedding service in east London, knows of one Indian from the sub-continent who hired a Boeing 747 for the service, but he believes that Milan and Komal have created a precedent for British-based Hindus.

The most lavish wedding of recent times was in January last year when three members of Britain's richest Asian family, the Hinduwas, were married in Bombay. Sri Chand, 61, the head of the family who runs a £1 billion business empire, showered the 10,000 guests from 58 countries with 20 baskets of rose petals as they arrived at the Royal Western Turf Club. A staff of 1,200 served a vegetarian banquet.

Cat lover goes for broke in Greece

BY LIN JENKINS

A WOMAN who has devoted the past five years to the welfare of cats in Greece has spent the last of her savings to bring 37 of them back to Britain. Christina Morison, 45, scraped together every last penny to put the cats through six months of quarantine before finding new homes for them.

Many bear the battle scars of life on the streets of Athens. Two of them have only three legs, two are blind, and others have one eye.

Even with discounts for block bookings and another for compassion, Miss Morison is faced with a bill of more than £22,000.

The animals are spending their quarantine period to ensure they are clear of rabies in Mairborough, Wiltshire, and Maidenhead, Berkshire. They are housed three to a pen and tended daily. Miss Morison visits them



Christina Morison visiting one of the cats yesterday

from her home in Ealing, west London, at weekends, but in the week she is busy job hunting. The catery fees and the air fares, albeit at a generous discount from Swissair, have seen her bank balance dwindle to nothing. Five years ago while on holiday in Greece she was

deeply moved by the plight of the country's cats. She abandoned her job as an analyst programmer at a market research company, let her home and set up a charity. The Greek Cat Welfare Society is now well established, sending British vets to the Greek islands to neuter cats as well

as financing veterinary care on the mainland.

"The main problem is that they don't neuter their cats," Miss Morison said. "They think it's against nature. They can't see an animal's sex life as being different from human sex life."

The problem of stray cats is compounded by a law forbidding the humane destruction of healthy animals, a ban on animals on public transport and expensive vets' fees.

Of the 37 cats - aged from ten weeks to 13 years when they arrived - 17 have already found homes to go to. Others will remain with Miss Morison. "I am still looking for homes for those I know would prefer living in households with fewer animals," she said.

The charity is now in the control of local cat lovers, and Miss Morison is returning to paid employment. "I came back because I have run out of money. The quarantine fees have taken the last of it."

When Harry met Molly...



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Robbie Williams, left, the former Take That star, was on the ball yesterday. The girls arrived in force to cheer their pop idols and saw the chart rivals Damon Albarn of Blur and Liam Gallagher of Oasis, right, forget their differences

Pop idols indulge their fantasy in charity football festival

By JOE JOSEPH

FOR those to whom the names Damon, Jarvis and Liam mean nothing, it was as if the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, the Who, and Gerry and the Pacemakers were all playing football together on a spring Sunday in 1965.

Some of the biggest names in music, including Oasis's Liam Gallagher, Blur's Damon Albarn and Jarvis Cocker of Pulp turned up at a sports stadium in east

London yesterday to play soccer for charity — and at the unusually early hour of 10.30am.

The Mile End Stadium was like *Loaded* magazine made flesh: just lads, footie, music, babes and booze. Not so much *Men Behaving Badly*, maybe, as just *Men Playing Football Badly*.

Albarn and Gallagher even made a show of walking hand-in-hand on to the pitch, sparking speculation of a Britpop reconciliation. But the way each of them

rushed off to sign autographs for the thousands of screaming teenage spectators whenever the other was in danger of hogging the limelight suggested that their gamesmanship might have been as astute as off the field as on.

Liam Gallagher is frontman to one of the world's biggest-selling bands. Oasis's following has swelled so dramatically that it has been forced to add a second autumn concert at Knebworth after selling out the first date

within hours and Gallagher milked the indulgence teen girls give to their hero of the moment.

In the absence of his brother and fellow Oasis-member Noel, Liam took on the full family responsibility of clowning and teasing and snubbing the crowd of whipping the cap from a St John Ambulance man; of drinking beer and goofing around the pitch. He even managed to score a goal.

But while Oasis and Blur might rule the pop charts, they failed to

make as big a success of Britpop as that have of Britpop. Both bands — who requested that they should not face each other in the early rounds of the six-a-side contest for fear of inciting brawls among their rival fans — made a selfless contribution to law and order by both getting knocked out in the first round of the tournament, organised in aid of the Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy Centre.

Humiliatingly for Oasis, they were sent packing by Pulp after a

jet-lagged Jarvis ("I came back from holiday in Hawaii yesterday") came off the substitutes' bench at half-time, wearing a No 5 shirt. Cocker, looking like the spindly schoolboy who always gets picked last for any team, loped around the pitch like a man whose joints had not been securely bolted together. But his enthusiasm for the sport of common people made up for his lack of ball control.

Luckily, most band members kept their deepest thoughts on

victory and defeat to themselves, since those that did speak made most footballers sound like Wintgenstein. Robbie Williams, formerly of Take That, made sure that he was never knowingly under-quoted and seemed so desperate for pre-teen adulation that he visited different batches of screaming girls every seven minutes.

Albarn, who was the sole band member on his team, said: "The rest of the band aren't fit enough. They are not up to exercise."

Undergraduate plays down dramatic debut

FROM DALYA ALBERGE IN CANNES

A CAMBRIDGE student whose first screenplay has been snapped up by a leading British film company is swooning for his final while producers promote his work with stars at the Cannes Film Festival.

Casper Berry, 22, from Newcastle upon Tyne, is taking anthropology at Girton College, and few of his fellow students know of his other role. He said: "I don't talk about it much. It's boring when anyone goes on about their work."

His script *Downtime*, an "action love story", is to be filmed by Scala Productions with a £1.5 million budget. Previous Scala hits include *Scandal*, *The Crying Game* and *Mona Lisa* — which makes the company's commitment to an unknown student all the more extraordinary.

His talent was spotted by Richard Johns, 31, a producer who founded Pilgrim Films in 1994 with Bharat Nalluri, 31, as director. They made commercials and drama for television, including *Driven*, a 30-minute thriller for Tyne Tees, Yorkshire and Granada Television. Their work won awards from the Royal Television Society, among others.

Mr Johns, who approached Nik Powell of Scala Productions at a Newcastle film

seminar, recalled: "I just happened to walk him back to the station and I just happened to have a script with me. The three-hour trip from Newcastle to London was ideal."

Mr Powell said that he read it on the train and knew immediately that this was a talent to watch: "On the basis of his work to date, he is going to be a successful writer for the screen."

He described the script as a "contemporary emotional drama" set in a tower-block in northeastern England. An action sequence in a lift, he said, is "a nail-bitingly tense centrepiece. It's truly nerve-racking and will have you on the edge of your seat."

Scripts tended to fall into two categories — American-style action stories or character pieces — "but he has managed to combine them into a seamless, real story that is also very emotional and funny".

Downtime is the story of a single mother, who lives in an inner-city tower block, and a divorced police psychologist. They meet after she threatens to commit suicide by jumping from her window: he coaxes her down and their relationship develops.

Mr Berry, whose father is a doctor and whose mother trained as a teacher at the Central School of Speech and Drama, said that he wanted it to be a film about people whose lives are set against a background of crime, but who "live honest lives like 99 per cent of the population".

He researched it extensively, working with a housing association and studying criminology and epilepsy as background for various characters.

"I'm very keen for this to be seen as utterly real," he said. "But it's not a social document. I wanted it to be grounded in real psychology."

It will be filmed this summer for a release in the middle of next year.



Johns made contact during film seminar

Tarantino attacked for using N-word

By DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

SPIKE LEE, the black American director who has often provoked racial debate on and off screen, yesterday attacked Quentin Tarantino, the white American director, for using the word nigger in his films.

Lee said he had counted 28 instances in *Pulp Fiction*, the violent crime movie starring John Travolta, and many others in such films as *Reservoir Dogs*. Lee said at Cannes, where his comedy *Girl 6* is receiving its world premiere: "I don't like his use of the word nigger. That word is not cool at all."

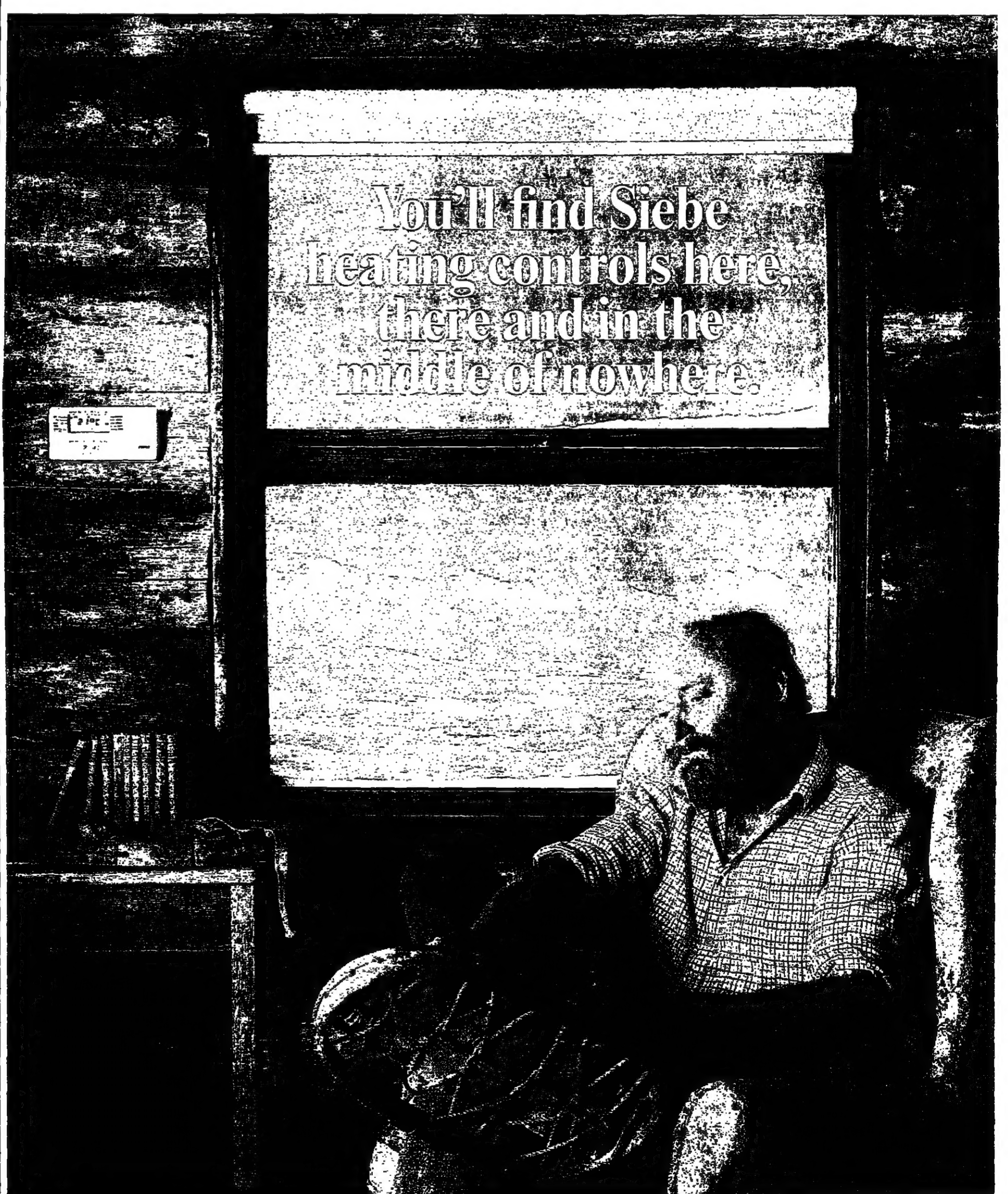
He said that he and Denzil Washington, the black American actor, had broadened the subject with Tarantino. "I don't think he had really understood that the word is dangerous. Denzil and I explained it to him. I think he understands it now. Hopefully, in the future, he will not use that word." But he said that

despite his concern he had had no qualms about asking Tarantino to take a cameo role in *Girl 6*. "Quentin Tarantino is a very fine young director. My only problem is his use of the word nigger. One has nothing to do with the other."

Lee also attacked discrimination in the American film industry. "Look at the Academy Awards. This year, out of 166 non-foreign language Oscar competitors, only one went to a black artist."

For that reason, he said, he had sought only black financial backers for his next film, *Get on the Bus*, a \$2.4 million civil rights movie inspired by last year's *One Million Men March*.

Girl 6, the story of a young unemployed black actress who becomes an anonymous phone-sex operator, stars Madonna as the boss of the service. She has flown into Cannes for the premiere.



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Mayoress aged 14 keeps it in the family

A GIRL aged 14 is to be mayoress of a west Wales market town, keeping up a family tradition. Melanie Harries's great grandparents were mayor and mayoress three times, and her grandmother mayoress twice.

When Brian, her father, was elected Mayor of Narberth, Dyfed, he asked Melanie to be his escort.

Mr Harries is divorced from Melanie's mother so Melanie seemed the obvious choice. "I know she's young, but the job's in her blood," the 46-year-old office worker said. "She's very mature for her age and I know she'll do me proud."

Melanie, who was presented with her chains of office last week and will attend her first function — the Mayor Making Ball — tomorrow, said: "I couldn't believe it when dad asked me. I thought the council might think I was a bit young, but everyone has been really nice. My friends didn't believe that I was going to be mayoress at first, but now they're all green with envy."



Melanie Harries trying out her chain of office with her school uniform

Labour gun review adds to pressure on Howard

BY ANDREW PIERCE

MINISTERS were under pressure from senior Tory MPs last night to bring forward laws on gun control to try to outflank the Labour Party, which today will publish proposals to remove up to 200,000 firearms from circulation.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has rejected the pleas and reiterated that any legislation would be delayed until after Lord Cullen's report on the Dunblane massacre in the autumn.

The Government is being urged to take action both by backbenchers who want immediate curbs and by those who are opposed to restrictions on the number of firearms but support a tightening of the licensing rules.

Ministers have submitted a list of 32 options to the Cullen inquiry, which begins at the end of the month. Labour will go much further today when Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, unveils proposals to ban all pistols and rifles above .22 calibre as well as automatic and semi-automatic weapons. Conservative

The Australian Government took 12 days to agree proposals to outlaw semi-automatic weapons and ban their import after a gunman slaughtered 35 people in Tasmania. It will be at least six months after the Dunblane shooting before any legislation is presented to the Commons. Critics argue that the Government is in thrall to the powerful gun lobby but ministers argue that they are opposed to knee-jerk reactions. The Government, unlike the Labour Party, appears to be reluctant to ban all handguns. About 57,000 people in England, Scotland and Wales have firearm certificates for handguns with 45,000 allowed to own more than one. The Government argues that many law-abiding owners use handguns for target shooting at clubs and should not be penalised.

Party strategists yesterday privately accused Labour of trying to make political capital out of the tragedy. But the proposals have been welcomed in Dunblane and the Home Secretary has met Mr Straw to discuss a non-partisan strategy to new gun legislation. They agreed it made sense for Labour to publish its proposals in time to be included in the Cullen inquiry.

David Mellor, the former Home Office Minister, criticised the Government at the weekend for failing to recognise the public desire for new laws.

Michael Colvin, chairman

of the Commons Defence Select Committee, who opposes a ban on guns, also urged decisive action. "Simple practical measures can be brought in now which will reassure public safety and prevent guns getting into the wrong hands. We don't need to wait for Lord Cullen for that."

Mr Colvin, chairman of the Commons Shooting Club, had a warning for the Labour Party. "Tony Blair should be aware that shooting is one of the most popular and fast-growing participation sports in Britain. There are two million people involved who

will not welcome having their guns removed," he said.

Mr Straw said that Labour's proposals could be amended if they were rejected by the Cullen inquiry. He told Radio 4's *The World This Weekend*: "There are too many handguns and weapons in circulation. We are not doing this for votes. We are doing it for public safety."

A spokeswoman for the Dunblane Snowdrop Appeal, which was set up to campaign for new gun laws, said: "Labour's proposals go right to the core. We need legislation to prevent another Dunblane."

Mr Howard yesterday denied that the Government had been wrong-footed by Labour or had acted too slowly. "We have not ruled out any course of action. We have put forward an exhaustive list of options. It would be extremely foolish to ask Lord Cullen to look at this, pre-empt it, and not wait for a conclusion."

The Prime Minister said on Friday that controls on semi-automatic weapons would be introduced after Lord Cullen made his recommendations in the autumn.

Heritage and aid stay ahead in charity stakes

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE National Trust remains Britain's most popular and prosperous charity, with a £76 million voluntary income and £20 million from investments, according to a report by the Charities Aid Foundation published today.

Giving to charities has increased by 2 per cent in real terms in the past two years, but income from trading activities such as mail order, cards and calendars has risen by 24 per cent.

Charity begins away from home for the British, whose favourite type of causes were international agencies, collecting £260 million — equivalent to 15p of every £1 donated last year. Cancer receives 12p, animal protection 7.6p and children 7.5p. Legacies rose by 2 per cent to £1 billion and now account for a third of all voluntary income, with the RNLI and RSPCA the clear favourites among will makers. However, bequests to educa-

tional causes fell by almost 20 per cent.

The report shows that only 14p in each £1 is spent on administration and fund raising although, among the most popular charities, that ranged from 21p at Help the Aged to 3p for the Salvation Army.

When asked why they might choose to support a particular charity, 87 per cent mentioned that it should make good use of the money it receives.

The biggest corporate donor was Glaxo, which made donations of £6.5 million from pre-tax profits of £1.8 billion. The most generous and wealthiest grant-making trust was the Wellcome Trust, which gave £240 million of its £5 billion assets.

NHS charitable trust funds, which are increasingly used to pay for equipment including theatre monitors, scanners and neonatal units, have seen donated income rise by 450 per cent in 11 years to £250 million in 1994.

Cathedrals are reported to be locked in a cash crisis as income for restoration appeals has more than halved in just three years from £11.2 million to £4.9 million.

Among famous landmarks which are unlikely to reach their appeal targets on time are St Albans, Lincoln, Canterbury, Westminster, and Chichester.

A minority of cathedrals, including Ely and Chester, have been so successful at fundraising that they are likely to complete their appeals ahead of target.

One of the problems is that cathedral restoration is so expensive that the public have to be persuaded to keep giving over a long period and their initial bursts of enthusiasm seem to dwindle.

The Charities Aid Foundation found that nearly half of cathedrals were running appeals, and studied 40 of them in depth. The report said: "It appears that campaigns lose some momentum through time."

The difficulty is illustrated by St Albans, whose appeal for £500,000 began nine years ago. After raising an average £24,000 for the first eight years, income fell to £8,000 last year.

British women do the most good works

BRITISH women put their continental counterparts to shame on voluntary work, says a survey. Among European women, 36 per cent of Britons have volunteered in the past year compared with 35 per cent of Belgians, 24 per cent of Irish, 17 per cent of Germans and 12 per cent of Slovaks.

The voluntary helper in Britain is said to be characteristically bossy and best likes to spend her time running jumble sales, bazaars or charity shops.

"Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland have common features that distinguish them in the wider European context," says Justin Davis Smith, head of research and information at the Volunteer Centre UK, which conducted the study.

Among men, 43 per cent of Dutch, 38 per cent of Swedes and 31 per cent of Britons were volunteers. The peak age was in their 40s and 50s, and 51 per cent said the main benefit was enjoyment.

More leave money to animal shelters

BY KYLE SMITH

MORE people are leaving money to animal welfare charities but individual bequests are becoming smaller.

Charities that care for animals have been the beneficiaries of steadily rising interest over the past few years. The total number of individual bequests to such charities has risen by 17 per cent since 1991.

The percentage of individual charitable legacies represented by those to animal groups has risen in recent years. In 1992, 14.3 per cent of such legacies named animal groups. By 1995, the figure had grown to 15.2 per cent. In 1991 there were 9,296 charitable legacies to animal groups in England and Wales; last year there were 10,890, according to

Bernard Sharpe, of Smees and Ford, the charity consultants.

Esme Berni of Bristol, widow of the businessman Aldo Berni, left more than £30,000 to ten animal charities last year, including £2,000 to the Donkey Sanctuary, the fifth largest such charity by expenditure, according to The Henderson Top 2000 Charities. Wood Green Animal Shelter received £30,000 from Mary Burton, a church organist from Cambridgeshire, who had set it aside for the care of her cat. The money went to the shelter when it died.

However, the total value of bequests to animal welfare groups fell slightly in 1995. Johnny Fountain, of the Animal Health Trust, said there seemed to be a trend towards smaller legacies.



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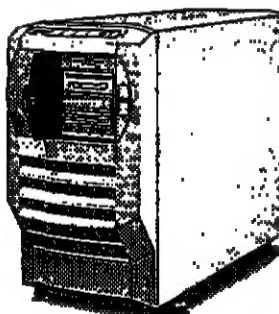
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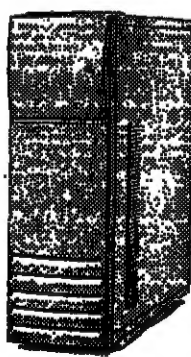
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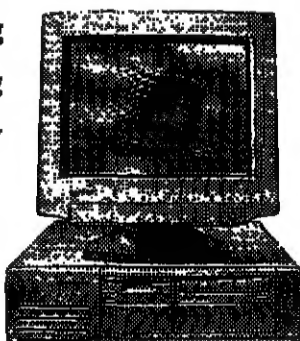
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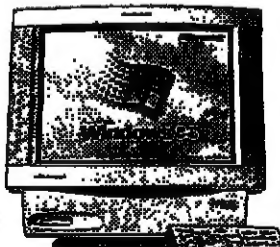
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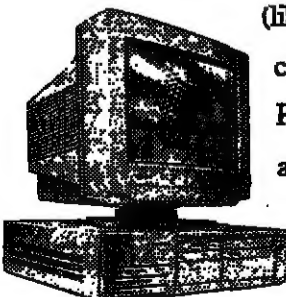
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Police test Euro 96 hooligan control on Cup Final fans

By STEPHEN FARRELL AND STEWART TENDLER

POLICE declared themselves satisfied yesterday with the massive operation mounted to control 79,000 fans at the FA Cup Final on Saturday — a dress rehearsal for Euro 96 next month. There were 70 arrests for public order offences and 125 minor injuries.

As 900 officers from four forces, determined to head off trouble, patrolled the streets and stations around Wembley, experts put the finishing touches to a behind-the-scenes intelligence effort aimed at keeping British and foreign hooligans under control.

Intelligence officers from Liverpool and Manchester mingled with fans at the stadium and in north London, pointing out troublemakers. State-of-the-art digital camera and computer technology enables the "spotters" to flash pictures and information about suspected hooligans to co-ordinating centres.

Police chiefs face a much

more difficult task during the European Championship, controlling fans from 16 nations at 31 matches around Britain. They have been planning the security operation for 15 months. More than 10,000 officers are expected to be involved during the three weeks of the competition. In London, 1,000 officers will be covering each of the six games at Wembley. Teams of spotters from participating nations will be drafted in to point out known thugs among the continental fans.

A suite of offices has been cleared on the seventh floor of New Scotland Yard to allow National Criminal Intelligence Service staff to work alongside the Metropolitan Police Euro Intelligence Unit and a National Co-ordinating Centre next door. Behind banks of newly installed computer terminals and telephones, British experts and liaison officers from the 15

other competing nations will work with the spotters.

However, their operations will be hampered by data protection legislation that restricts the information European countries can pass on. For example, Dutch police are forbidden to supply British officers with names or pictures of Dutch citizens they believe may cause trouble.

Chief Inspector Lex Heys of the Dutch football vandalism unit in Utrecht said: "Our Government has a blacklist of hooligans over the last five years and we have a database on them, but we are not allowed to share it under our data protection legislation."

Similar restrictions apply in Germany and Switzerland. But senior officers are playing down their impact. "Hopefully they will not cause us too much of a problem because we have invited their spotters over here and they will be on the streets," Detective Chief



A watchful Chief Superintendent Linda Newham at Wembley on Saturday. She will also be in charge for Euro 96

Inspector Peter Goulding of the Met's Euro Intelligence Unit said.

"On Saturday we were working alongside spotters from the Greater Manchester and Merseyside forces looking for the fans likely to cause trouble on Saturday evening, and we were successful in finding both groups and dealing with them. That is the way we will be working with our

European colleagues." The fans had been divided well before reaching Wembley. Manchester United supporters' coaches were directed along the M6 and M1 and Liverpool coaches along the M6 and M40.

In charge of policing at the stadium and its grounds was Chief Superintendent Linda Newham. It was a vital dry run for the 48-year-old Match

Commander, the Divisional Commander at Tottenham, who will be in charge at Wembley matches during Euro 96.

She arrived at 8am and set about co-ordinating the uniformed, mounted and dog teams. After the match she stood on the balcony beneath the twin towers, radio in one hand and mobile telephone in the other, drawing attention to

clusters of fans posing potential problems.

She insists that Euro 96 will not be an excuse to treat every fan as a potential hooligan. "We have got to remember the vast majority of them will be coming to enjoy football, and only a very small minority wanting to cause trouble."

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Officers to debate call for return of hanging

By STEWART TENDLER

THE Police Federation is this week to debate a call for a referendum on the restoration of capital punishment.

A resolution at the federation's annual conference, which begins today, calls on its leaders to campaign on the issue and to urge the political parties, in the run-up to the general election, to commit themselves to a referendum. Delegates representing ranks up to that of chief inspector in England and Wales will debate the move at the conference in Scarborough.

Detective Sergeant Roger Turley, chairman of the Thames Valley branch, which is proposing the motion, said they wanted to initiate a public debate about capital punishment. He said that since capital punishment was abolished, in 1965, murders had continued unabated. Society today seemed to place less value on human life, and crimes which might once have raised public outcry were soon forgotten. Mr Turley personally supports a return to hanging. Life sentences were no deterrent, in comparison, he said. The conference will also debate resolutions urging the general issue of covert bullet-proof vests.

Briton bids £6m for the mainland's extremities

A British tycoon is to buy Land's End and John o' Groats from their foreign owner. The two landmarks, formerly owned by Peter de Savary, were put up for sale together for the first time in January by Gulf Resources, a New Zealand developer.

Kevin Leech, a businessman from Jersey, has beaten off bids from America and the Far East and is expected to finalise the deal at about £6 million this month. The tourist sites have 200 staff and earn £3.2 million a year.

Rapid fire

A new weapon has shattered a record. The Defence Research Agency said the electromagnetic rail gun had fired a projectile at 2,300 metres a second, about seven times the speed of sound. A tank shell moves at about 1,500 metres a second.

Uncle accused

An uncle of four children who died in a Southampton house fire is to appear in court today charged with their murders. Fred Heyworth, 58, is also accused of attempting to murder their parents, Beverley and Melvyn Good.

Walk-on role

More than 16,000 people took their first and last chance to walk across the new £330 million toll bridge over the River Severn. The six-lane bridge has no walkways and anyone attempting to cross by foot after next month's opening faces a £50 fine.

Man shot dead

A man in his twenties was found dying of gunshot wounds in a street in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, early yesterday. Police sealed off a terraced house at which residents said all-night blues parties were a regular weekend feature.

Music school sale

The Royal Marines School of Music at Deal, Kent, where 11 bandmen were killed by an IRA bomb in 1989, is being sold by the Ministry of Defence. It is feared that prospective purchasers might be deterred by the cost of redevelopment.

Ostrich takes off

British Airways will be adding ostrich steaks to its menus on North American routes. The steaks, for first-class passengers, will be offered on other routes if they prove popular. The birds will be supplied by Australia's biggest ostrich farmer.

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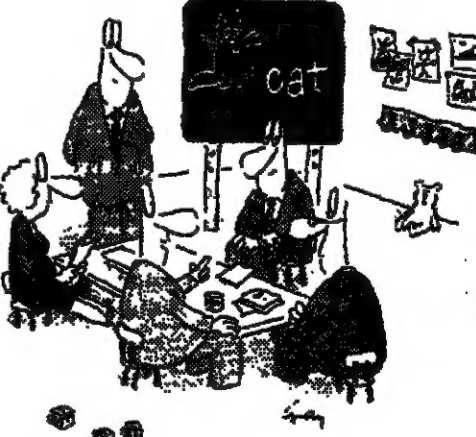
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The trainspotter now arriving is a class above the nerd

BY JONATHAN PEYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

COMEDIANS who like easy targets may have to look elsewhere: trainspotting is going up-market.

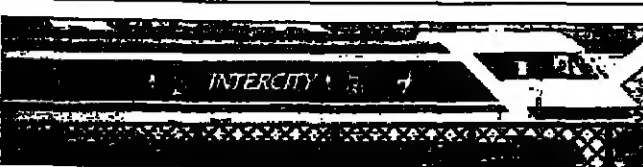
A fall in the number of young people taking up the hobby has been blamed on endless stereotypical portrayals of "nerds" in anoraks. But the change means that it is increasingly becoming a pastime dominated by mature people who can aspire to a luxury end of the market.

Affluent enthusiasts can shed any dowdy image by paying up to £125 a night to stay in a hotel where they eat, drink, sleep and trainspot in comfort within yards of the East Coast main line. The Sidings Hotel and Restaurant near Shipton, about five miles north of York, consists of five converted train carriages and a replica station and signal box.

Guests are encouraged to relax with their notebooks as about 100 freight and passenger trains a day thunder by the hotel's glass-fronted dining room and lounge bar. The 140mph track is even floodlit at night, allowing guests to "spot" into the early hours with an after-dinner drink.

One of the regular guests, Colin Camm, 57, a teacher from Nuneaton, Warwickshire, spends at least one night of each stay sitting in

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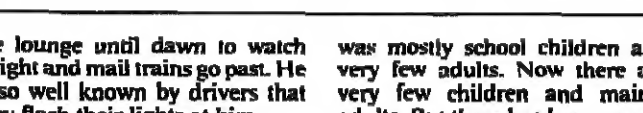
2. A Class 56-pulled "Merry Go Round" coal train, above



3. Class 60 heavy freight train



4. Red liveried Class 47 pulled Royal Mail "travelling post office" train



5. The Royal Train, above, pulled by a Class 47 locomotive

the lounge until dawn to watch freight and mail trains go past. He is so well known by drivers that they flash their lights at him.

"It has become much more a mature person's hobby," he said. "When I began as a schoolboy, it

was mostly school children and very few adults. Now there are very few children and mainly adults. But there has been no real loss to the whole body of rail enthusiasts."

It is even possible to trainspot

without getting out of bed. The hotel's room six is at the end of a carriage placed at right angles to the line, so that the bed is just 12ft from passing trains. Mr Camm said: "On the first night in there, you get very little sleep. On the second, you sleep a little better, and by the third you are totally exhausted."

Rates at the hotel range from £67 for dinner, breakfast and a single room, to £125 for a four-poster double. It is all the brainchild of Bert Gummell, a 70-year-old retired railwayman, and his son Brian, a former army intelligence officer, who said: "We get very few anoraks here because the prices keep out the riff-raff. Numerous MPs have been here to dine, as well as celebrities such as Patrick Moore."

The menu includes delicacies such as roast wood pigeon — a far cry from the Marmite sandwiches of the classic trainspotter's lunchbox. A narrow-gauge railway is being built in the garden to carry beer barrels to the bar.

There is concern about youngsters losing their enthusiasm for the much-lampooned hobby. Murray Brown, the co-editor of *Rail Express* magazine, said: "The use of 'trainspotter' as a derogatory adjective is having quite an adverse effect and youngsters just don't want to get involved any more." Mr Brown, who has



Restaurant guest Paul Turner shares his enthusiasm with son Jamie, 14, at The Sidings

donated a number of relics from his railway memorabilia to the Sidings Hotel, added: "Railway enthusiasm covers a very broad church. Many people in the professional classes are into rail-

ways and certainly don't all wear anoraks and national health spectacles and have an IQ of about 12. "It is so unfair. It seems it is quite all right to walk around the countryside hitting small balls

into holes or go and sit on the bank of a river fishing in the rain, but if you are interested in trains you are ridiculed."

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Fans for whom Wembley score hit the hundreds

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

NOT everyone who travelled to Wembley for the FA Cup Final found it the dulllest afternoon's entertainment for years. For one select group, the Manchester United versus Liverpool tie lived up to all the hype and provided a day of non-stop action of a quality rarely to be enjoyed.

Beneath the feet of 79,000 fans flowing across Olympic Way to the stadium on Saturday, a cluster of coachspotters was camped out beside the flyover columns, oblivious to the supposed climax of the English football season.

"I couldn't care a dinker's cuss who wins," said Ivan Cottrell, 50, a spotter for 20 years.

"Well, to be honest, I do care a little bit because if it wasn't two northern clubs playing we wouldn't be here at all. It wouldn't be worth coming for London clubs, but this gives us a chance to see all the new Manchester and Liverpool M and N registrations."

Mr Cottrell, of St Albans, arrived four hours before kick-off — a Lancashire, Cumbria and Manchester bus hand-book in his Air New Zealand bag — to join two dozen colleagues meticulously noting the numberplates of Volvos and Scania pouring into Wembley's vast car park.

Coachspotters, who prefer to be called "bus and coach enthusiasts", are often former trainspotter diverted on to the roads by the lack of new rolling stock.

Connoisseurs prefer junior sports tournaments: adult

fans arrive in cars, but schoolboys and girls cannot drive. "We'll get only 300 coaches today but you get about 500 for the kids' rugby, and there's none of this chanting nonsense," Alan Langhelt, 62, said. "We'll be off about 4pm. I'm not hanging around for this lot coming out."

Mr Langhelt, a retired engineer from Hounslow, west London, has been a coachspotter since 1948 and works three hours a day as a London Buses traffic recorder. His weekday leisure is spent logging aircraft; at weekends he seeks buses and coaches.

He includes only vehicles of at least 17 seats with a green or blue Public Service Vehicle disc. Supplementing his notebook is a pocket computer and, at home, a laptop computer with 60,000 coaches in alphabetical order. Those he has seen are marked with an asterisk and the list is constantly updated to keep track of fleets that have changed hands and buses that have been re-registered.

He is a little dismissive of young spotters. "To be honest, some of them are just number-snatchers and don't know what they are doing. Very few use computers, which are a boon to our hobby."

"There is no end product, because new coaches come out each year. The aim is just to get as many as possible. Anything to avoid getting bored. I don't want to sit around in libraries all day reading newspapers like some old people."



A coachspotter filling his notebook at Wembley

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Parents who blame pesticide for deformity wait to sue American maker

Blind boy's family fights for children without eyes

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

FORTY British families whose children were born without eyes are awaiting the outcome of a test case beginning in America today that will determine whether a garden pesticide caused the deformity in a six-year-old boy.

They will lodge claims if John Castillo Jr, who was born with empty eye sockets, is successful in suing the Dupont chemical company for \$20 million (£13 million). His parents claim that the congenital defect is a result of his mother being sprayed with the chemical pesticide benomyl, which was used on a fruit farm near the family home outside Miami.

Benomyl is the active constituent of Benlate, which is widely used in Britain and around the world for spraying crops. It was sold for garden use in Britain until the company withdrew it last year.

Benomyl was banned in Australia 15 years ago after tests on rats.

A British expert on the condition, known as anophthalmia, said he would not allow his pregnant wife to be exposed to benomyl after research showed that rats fed large quantities produced foetuses without eyes.

Richard Collin, consultant ophthalmic surgeon at Moorfields Eye Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children at Great Ormond Street, London, said: "The last thing I would let my wife do is go into a greenhouse where benomyl was being sprayed. We know it is capable of producing animals without eyes and it would seem wise at the very least to limit the exposure of pregnant women."

Mr Collin, who has studied 150 babies born with the deformity over the past 15



Juveria Memon and her son Khalid, born with empty eye sockets, await the decision of the American court

years, said that it would be hard to prove a link with benomyl, however.

The case involving John Castillo, which is expected to last a month, is the biggest involving pesticides to reach the courts, according to Alan Care of Leigh Day and Co, the solicitor representing British families.

"It is going before a jury, instead of a judge, it involves millions of dollars and it is not about the abuse of a product but a straight fight on whether

it is capable of causing injury." Mr Care has been working closely with American law firm James Ferraro, which has agreed to take British sufferers as "follow on" cases on a "no win, no fee" basis.

Juveria Memon, 33, whose son Khalid has been blind from birth, said she had never recovered from the trauma of having a baby with empty eye sockets. "Can you imagine phoning your mother to say you have had a baby but it's got no eyes? Now aged 10,

Khalid complains about being unable to see. "What do I say to him? It was not an act of God, it was negligence."

When she was pregnant Ms Memon, who now lives in Cambridge, used to visit her mother-in-law every day in Harrow, northwest London, where Benlate was used in the garden. She says that use of the chemical should have been restricted once the tests on rats showed it was capable of producing the eye deformity. "The foetus is extremely vul-

nerable in the early stages of development and the minutest amount of any toxin can cause damage."

A support group set up by Chris and Maggie Bourne, whose nine-year-old son Andrew is also affected, has 130 members.

A spokesman for Dupont in Britain said: "We are confident that if all the evidence is heard in a proper setting people will see that there is absolutely no link between Benlate and anophthalmia."

Muesli-belt diet causes danger across all classes



MEDICAL BRIEFING

CAN the Health Department's rules for the adult diet be applied to the nursery without endangering a child's health? The BBC1 series *Watchdog Health-check* tonight reviews the diet of children from a wide variety of social backgrounds, and in consequence adds its support to the call for a return to traditional food.

The accepted view has been that muesli-belt mothers are confined to the middle-class areas of cities, but the research has shown that children are being deprived of the essential requirements of a good diet by health-conscious parents from all social classes.

Eighty per cent of the children studied were not being provided with the necessary fat, protein and carbohydrate. Instead, their digestive systems were being loaded with fibre, which has no energy value, contains no protein and inhibits the absorption of minerals and vitamins.

Children, like other small mammals, need high-energy food. Despite this they are often denied sugar and sugary foods by parents who fear tooth decay. The evidence is that when children's teeth decay it is not because they eat jam roly-poly or treacle tart for pudding or because they have had the occasional sweet, but because they haven't brushed their teeth properly with a good-quality toothpaste twice a day.

Fats are an essential part of the diet: they are the best source of energy and they ensure that the system for the absorption of vitamins is efficient. Without adequate fat in the diet the body is less able to create the cellular

structure from which all its tissues are composed, does not manufacture hormones so effectively, does not have such an efficient immune system and does not readily absorb fat-soluble vitamins and many other necessary chemicals.

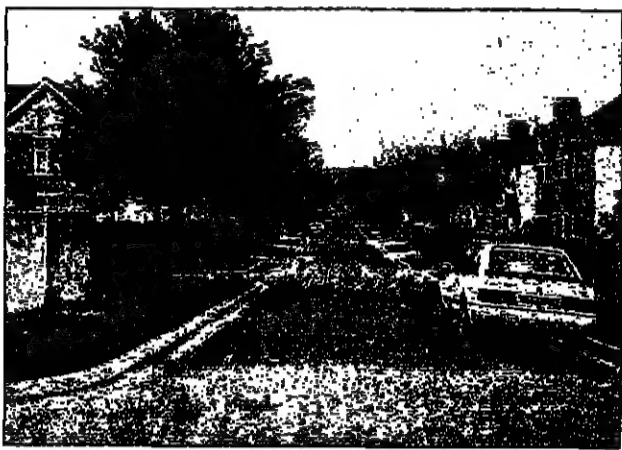
The diet of humans, whether children or adults, needs calcium, iron, copper, zinc, magnesium, selenium and a host of other trace elements. The body was designed to be omnivorous and there is no better way of obtaining these elements than through a good chop, other meat or fish or cheese. Iron is 20 times better absorbed when taken in the form in which it is found in meat than when it is obtained from vegetables. Meat eating, too, is the best way to provide a child with the amino acids essential for body building.

Britain has learnt from the dairy industry that the traditional, natural way of feeding can also be the least dangerous. Dr Jackie Sturdy and Dr Charlotte Wright, whose research formed the basis of the BBC programme, found that the overwhelming majority of the mothers investigated were giving their young children the wrong foods.

The health conscious risk bringing up children who are pale, listless and stunted and who would not have been out of place in the pre-war slums. If they want to give them the best start in life they should revert to feeding them with the traditional meat and two vegetables followed by apple Charlotte with cream or custard.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFFORD

A safer world seen through rose-tinted spectacles



The real world: a street viewed with normal vision

STREETWISE spectacles are being developed to give a clearer view of the world to the partially sighted. The computerised system can display objects such as trees and houses in single colours — all cars are pink — and highlight other dangers such as pavement edges with flashes.

Researchers at Bristol University are looking at different ways to present the images on spectacles in a virtual-reality headset. Trials will be carried out with volunteers from the city's Eye Hospital.

The joint project under Professor Barry Thomas and Dr Tom Troscianko carries forward earlier studies for robot

vision, bringing together the university's departments of computer science and psychology. Tiny video cameras in the headset will send digitised pictures to a waist-belt computer, which recognises images from a databank of everyday objects, and then presents real-life scenes in a graphic montage. In the colour system, all houses are brown and the sky is blue.

The current system takes more than ten seconds to analyse an image, but expected advances in micro-processor technology should speed the process.



The virtual reality: the street seen by the computer

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Cold War veterans fret over Europe's fraying links with US

The event which will do more than anything else to shape Europe in the remaining years of the century has nothing to do with the European Union, Tory Eurosceptics or Helmut Kohl. On June 16, Russia begins electing a new president and the repercussions of that choice will be felt across the Continent and the Atlantic.

The possibility of a win by the ex-Communist Gennadi Zyuganov added extra electricity to a weekend gathering in Prague of retired Cold War warriors who worry about the fraying link between Europe and the United States. The conference, which had the air of an anti-Soviet

class reunion, launched a ponderously-titled "New Atlantic Initiative". But they might as well have met under the slogan, "Waiting for Mr Zyuganov".

Neatly-suited men from Washington think-tanks mingled with Czech priests who had been ordained in secret during the Communist years. Someone introduced a shy skinhead in a double-breasted suit with the words: "I first met Jan when I was writing a piece about right-wing rock music east of the Elbe".

The svelte and enigmatic Peter Mandelson attended between telephone calls to London. For his pains, he was asked by the jovial Canadian millionaire Con-



rad Black what a Labour Party "spy" was doing at such a conservative gathering.

Through all this, Margaret Thatcher sailed with imperial authority, parting reverent crowds at the head of several television crews. She combined the wardrobe of Eliza-

beth I with the role of Cassandra, predicting doom if the West does not pull itself together.

She thumped, as "unbelievably insensitive", Helmut Kohl for suggesting that Europe might be threatened by war if its nations do not move towards political unity. She took sideswipes at George Bush's phrase about the "New World Order", which had echoes of "utopian euphoria", at other politicians "too timid" to tell the truth, and compared the EU to the Austro-Hungarian empire. Her standing ovation was led by a Pole.

Vaclav Klaus, the Czech Prime Minister and the closest thing to a Eurosceptic in

Central Europe, is running for re-election for all his Thatcherite credentials. Mr Klaus is leading his country's bid to enter the EU as fast as possible.

One of only a handful of Germans present bravely pointed out that some American hawks may even want the crisis which is liable to happen if Mr Zyuganov comes to power in Moscow. He hit a nerve.

Checking American isolationism, creating a transatlantic free trade area and sabotaging a federal Europe are fine visions. But they are for the moment as politically practical as making sun-

as the European agenda is shaped by a Franco-German alliance consistently backed by every American president. An aggressive President Zyuganov would start the juices of transatlantic co-operation flowing once again.

It is easy to make fun of Cold War nostalgia, but the Prague conference shone a light on neglected ideas. The end of the Soviet empire allowed Europe's governments to shrink defence budgets and to relax. But the diplomatic fiascos over Bosnia revealed that the Continent's voters had lost all interest in war.

But while the risk of super-power conflict has evaporat-

ed, the world is not risk-free. North Korea offers portable nuclear weapons for sale from a catalogue. Several rogue states may have ballistic missiles which can hit Europe before long.

Russia is busy trying to recruit allies in Central Europe. As a Hungarian MP reminded me: "Hitler said that in Europe there is no space without a master. The Russians know this." Sooner or later, Europe will have to come to terms with these under-rated problems. In theory, Europe is dealing with the power vacuum in central Europe by taking new members into the EU and

Nato. But the work is dragging and, distracted by the single currency, most EU politicians have stopped bothering to give high profile support to the East.

Meanwhile, some ugly tendencies are breeding: the anti-German, anti-Gypsy, anti-Jewish Republic Party looks set to become the third strongest in the Czech Republic in this month's general election.

Reuniting a continent split by Stalin should be promoted as the leading moral task for the rising generation of European politicians. Instead, it has become an administrative chore.

GEORGE BROCK

Serb 'war criminal' is innocent loving father, family say

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN PRIJEDOR

MIRA TADIC sits at home in the Bosnian town of Prijedor listening to stories that her loving husband and father of her two children, is a psychotic monster capable of unspeakable evil.

The memorabilia in the household of Dusan Tadic, on trial in The Hague for war crimes, seems incongruous for an alleged killer. The images of Mr Tadic in the family photo album portray a compassionate father and husband who doted on his daughters and embraced his Muslim neighbours. A family video shows Mr Tadic at a party in his native Kozarac, drinking with his best friend Emir Karabasic, a Muslim politician.

Is this the same man who conducted a reign of terror in north-western Bosnia in 1992? Or is he a victim of mistaken identity?

The indictment issued by the International War Crimes Tribunal describes Mr Tadic as a sadistic killer who supervised a reign of terror across his hometown and the surrounding area, torturing, killing and raping his Muslim neighbours, including his best friend.

How is it possible, his family asks, that the man the tribunal claims brutally beat and killed his former neighbours by day, remained a gentle and loving father who

played with his daughters and looked after his wife and mother when he came home at night?

"I saw my father every night that summer," said Valentina, 17, the eldest of Mr Tadic's two daughters. "He could not have done those things. How could anyone believe he did?"

Mira Tadic is a petite 36-year-old nurse who speaks to her husband once a week on the telephone and will not believe the horror stories.

"If I believed any of the accusations, I would not be with him," said Mrs Tadic as she sat with seven-year-old Saska, her younger daughter, looking at the photographs of their old life together in the village of Kozarac.

"The accusations are rumours, propaganda spread by people who suffered and want

somebody to blame," she added.

Mr Tadic's former Muslim neighbours, however, have no trouble believing any of the accusations. "I have absolutely no doubt that the man who beat me was Dusan Tadic," said one of Mr Tadic's former neighbours, a childhood friend who would not give his name because he is going to testify at the trial.

"I can't understand what happened to that guy," he said. "We grew up together. I used to spend holidays with the Tadic family in a summer house in the mountains... I still have nightmares about it. After doing all those things, he can't hide anywhere, not even from himself."

Survivors of the infamous Omarska, Trnopolje and Keraterm detention camps where Mr Tadic is alleged to have paid visits as a freelance executioner, insist he became infected with a cruel brand of nationalism that swept across the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s. They say something snapped in Mr Tadic in 1992, turning him into a brutal killer who turned against his friends.

As the trial proceeds, the question of who is right will probably become clearer, but it may never be possible to know if Mr Tadic is a compassionate family man, a brutal killer, or both.

Tribunal to hear killing details

The Hague tribunal will later this week begin hearing details of the campaign of murder, torture and sexual violence allegedly waged by Dusan Tadic against the Muslims of the Prijedor region in north-west Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1992. A total of 57 people have been indicted but just three are in custody.



Mira Tadic, the wife of Dusan Tadic, the Serb being tried for war crimes in The Hague, looks at family pictures at home in Bosnia with their daughter Saska, 7

European 'threat' to peace in Bosnia

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE architect of the fragile peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina has accused European governments of threatening stability in the Balkans by undermining the Dayton peace accord.

Richard Holbrooke said the United States had completed the military goals outlined last year. But he said there were "disturbing signs" that some Europeans no longer seemed committed to the civilian side of the deal, including economic reconstruction, the return of refugees, prosecution of war criminals and preparations for elections.

The former Assistant Secretary for European Affairs who masterminded the American-brokered agreement, cited three options for the future of Bosnia: renewed conflict, successful federation, or partition. "I consider the chances of renewed war to be low," he writes in *Time* magazine today. "But it is distressing that some important European officials are privately writing off Dayton's political provisions and preparing the ground for *de facto* partition next year."

The White House is eager to avoid problems over Bosnia before November's presidential elections and Mr Holbrooke's attack on Europe was seen as political cover for President Clinton should Congress insist that he withdraw American forces by the agreed deadline at the end of the year.

Arson at home of novelist

Atlanta: The apartment house nicknamed "the Dump" where Margaret Mitchell wrote much of the novel *Gone With The Wind* was virtually destroyed in a fire yesterday that officials said was started deliberately.

Firemen smelled petrol when they first started attacking the fire, a fire department investigator said. The vacant three-storey building where Mitchell lived in the 1920s had been heavily damaged in a 1994 fire. Last year, Daimler-Benz AG, the German car manufacturer, agreed to pay \$4 million (£2.64 million) to restore the building. (Reuters)

New powers for Chinese army

Peking: China's parliament is to pass a defence law that empowers the People's Liberation Army to crush rebellions and struggles for regional independence, along with a new gun law to fight violent crime, state media reported. The law provides the death penalty for gun offences and stipulates that the Communist Party has absolute leadership of the army. (Reuters)

Museveni backs economic reform

Kampala: President Museveni of Uganda was sworn in for a five-year term after winning 74.2 per cent of valid votes in the presidential election against 23.7 per cent for Paul Ssemogerere, the main opposition candidate. He promised to continue with reforms that have given Uganda one of Africa's fastest-growing economies. (Reuters)

Help sought over British hostage

Phnom Penh: The Cambodian military will ask Thai counterparts to help negotiate the release of Christopher Howes, a British mine removal expert, and a translator kidnapped by the Khmer Rouge, it was reported. Mr Howes, 36, of Bristol and 26 Cambodians were taken hostage on March 25. (AFP)

Inmates see key to clean getaway

New York: Two "trusty" prisoners on car washing duty in Decatur, Texas, escaped in a sheriff's Jeep after being given the keys and told to park it in Wise County jail yard (Quentin Letts writes). The Jeep was equipped with a police radio, which could have helped them to evade capture.

Beef tops agenda for Chirac visit

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PRESIDENT CHIRAC arrives at Waterloo Station tomorrow for a four-day state visit that will underline France's extremely close defence relations with Britain and, the Government hopes, win a more sympathetic hearing in Paris for its views on the beef crisis and the future of the European Union.

Like the best French feasts, the visit has been designed with something to tempt every palate: a wealth of British pomp and pageantry, a dash of Gallic charm, a little beef and a range of elaborate and sugary desserts.

The visit, on the anniversary of M Chirac's installation in the Elysee, is intended to demonstrate that whatever the disagreements over monetary union and European integration, France remains one of Britain's closest partners in Europe. The contrast with François

Mitterrand's final years as President could not be greater. M Chirac, a bluff, English-speaker with down-to-earth tastes, is a man that John Major believes he can do business with. The two struck up an immediate personal and political rapport, and the President's first working visit to London last October was marked by effusive warmth on both sides.

The first day will be almost entirely ceremonial. M Chirac will arrive by Eurostar and will be met by Princess Margaret. He will have lunch at Buckingham Palace, lay wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior and the Charles de Gaulle memorial and conclude the day with the traditional state banquet.

Political discussion will be limited to a session at Downing Street on Wednesday. The main issues are predictable: the beef crisis, the inter-governmental conference

and EU enlargement, Bosnia, defence and nuclear co-operation, and Nato. There will also be talks on terrorism and drugs co-operation, where both sides may want make announcements.

To demonstrate his concern with urban problems, on Thursday the President has chosen to visit depressed Easterhouse in Glasgow, where he will see the work by the Prince's Trust and perhaps gain additional insight into tackling France's troubled inner cities.

The Lord Mayor of London will host a Guildhall lunch, the Government will give its lunch amid the splendour of Hampton Court, and M Chirac will invite the Queen to a reciprocal banquet before leaving. He will also address Parliament in French, with simultaneous translation.

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Bossi names leadership for breakaway 'Padania' state

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

DESPITE warnings that moves toward secession will be met with force, Umberto Bossi, the leader of the separatist Northern League, yesterday announced his "government" in Padania, the name given by the League to Italy's northern provinces.

Signor Bossi made his announcement at the self-styled "Parliament of the North" in Mantua. The parliament also formed a "Committee for the Liberation of the North", which will convene in June.

The "prime minister" in the ten-member government was named as Giancarlo Pagniarani, a leading Northern League MP and a former Budget Minister.

The meeting was policed by stewards in green shirts, who are seen as the kernel of a Padanian armed force. In the south, pro-unity demonstrators wore red shirts yesterday at Marsala in Sicily to mark the anniversary of landings by

Garibaldi's "one thousand", which paved the way for unification in the 1860s.

Signor Bossi said Padania was the best hope of a "way out" for Italy, which was "heading for collapse". Signor Pagniarani said everyone was against the League because it was trying to "change the map of power to make Italy more

rational". He said he favoured "a Europe of the regions".

Signor Bossi wants Padania to have its own national football team and Italian athletes competing in the Atlanta Olympics will be discreetly monitored in case any unfurl the banner of Padania.

In last month's election, which otherwise benefited the Left, the Northern League made a strong showing by appealing to northern resentment of high taxation and subsidies paid to the poorer south and won 59 seats in the Lower House plus 27 seats in the Senate.

The new Speaker of the Lower House, Luciano Violante, a leading member of the Party of the Democratic Left (PDS), or former Communists, warned Signor Bossi on Friday that the forthcoming Centre Left government led by Romano Prodi would use force if necessary to prevent the country splitting in two.



Bossi: claims Italy is heading for collapse

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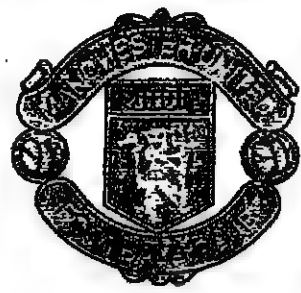
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FROM TROUBLE TO DOUBLE THE SEASON OF OOH AAH



THE transformation of Eric Cantona, from social outcast to a man able to turn the other cheek while being spat upon on the steps to the Royal Box at Wembley, appears so complete that one wonders whether some kind of mind altering therapy has been at work (Rob Hughes writes).

This is not just a judgment passed on the man whose temper burst so that he took a leap into the crowd at Selhurst Park in January 1995, but on the same player who in pique had more than once put his boot into a fallen opponent. "I have tried to correct myself, but I have lost my game," he reasoned.

Wrong, Eric. As wrong as so many critics were when they would have denied the atonement which during the past season has provided an example way beyond sport, an example of exemplary behaviour under stress that has earned respect and esteem beyond his wildest dream.

To hear Cantona say now that England is the place for him and his young family, that he might follow the example of Ruud Gullit and actually manage here, is some compliment, both to his new self control and England's ability to come to terms with its own xenophobia. To achieve, at the same time, the leadership of a club regaining both the League and FA Cup trophies is a double endorsement.

His part on the field includes vital goals that directly account for 21 points in the FA Carling Premiership, including that five-goal spell where he scored the only goals of United's matches.

He had long affected United's mood, from an irrational and dark period to the embracement of youth. When Cantona snarled, so did United; now Cantona purrs, they do the same. He came out talking, on television in England and in France, after a year of almost monastic silence last weekend. He said that we misinterpreted confidence as arrogance, and then swaggered on to the red carpet at Wembley. He actually smiled, a man coming close to harmony with himself and his public world.

His advice to the five young fledglings who have been part of the team success at Old Trafford? — "The most important season for them is next season. The real difficulty will be in their heads." Yours too, Monsieur, yours too.

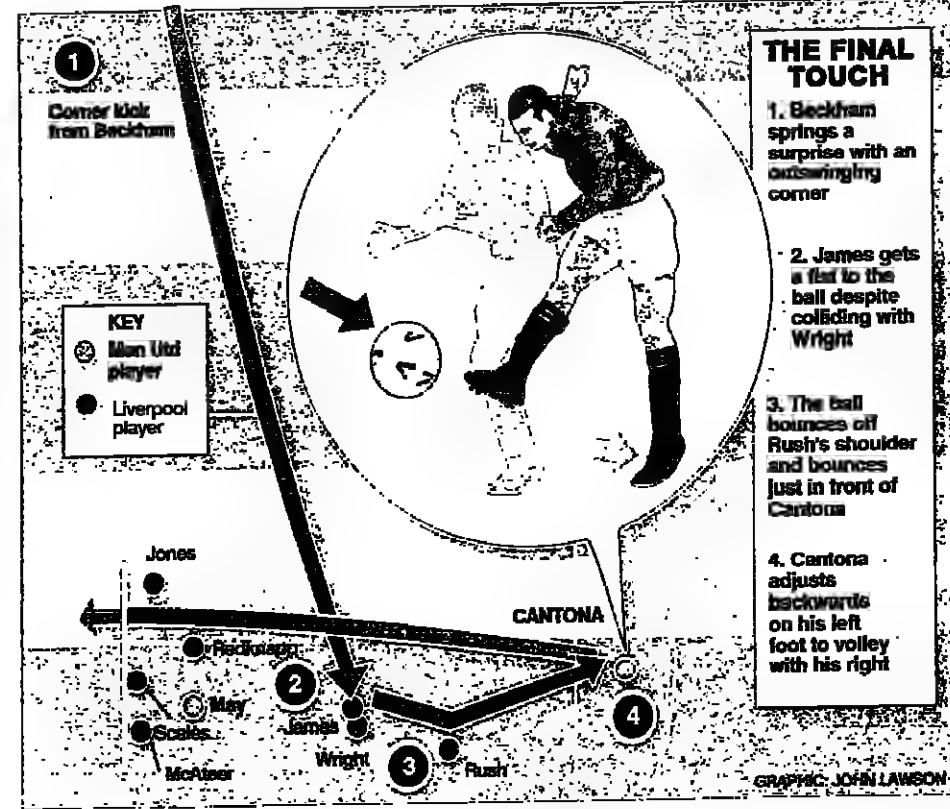
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Manchester United's captain and inspiration runs to celebrate with his supporters after scoring the winner against Liverpool at Wembley



In the 86th minute, Cantona pounces on an error by the Liverpool defence



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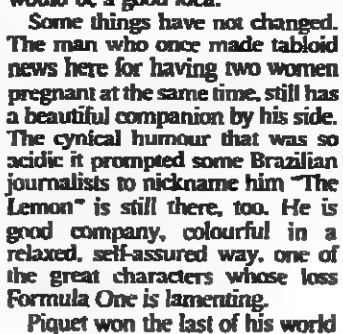
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He is thinner now than when he won his titles in 1981, 1983 and 1987, his hair shorter, his face a little pinched as he nears his 44th birthday. He walks the slow, stumbling walk American motor racing people call the Indianapolis

He was at Silverstone, at the wheel of a BMW-powered McLaren GTR, finishing fourth in



"Senna was a very quick driver," he says, "very talented. But he was very lucky to be in Formula One at

"The bad part of our relationship started with a joke. He went away at the end of one season and did not appear until the start of the next one six months later. 'I had just won my third world champ-

There is one great ambition left, too. Piquet wants to start his own British Formula Three team within the next ten years so that his son, Nelson, ten, and a young karting champion, can compete in the series. There may never be another Ayrton Senna but the new Nelson Piquet is already on his way.

FROM MEL WEBB IN MADRID

DEBATE

Harrington, three times a Walker Cup player, already had clear daylight between

The bogey was a rare occurrence — with nine holes to play he had had only three of them in 63 holes as against 19 birdies. It would take a collapse of monumental proportions for him not to win by the largest margin of the European Tour season.

Harrington stayed calm in sight of a notable first European Tour victory in the Spanish Open in Madrid

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES
IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

MARK FULCHER, caddying
for a pro. Doing is the only

The official par was 71 but a biting cold, blustery wind allied to the squelchy conditions underfoot, made 75 a more realistic figure. Davies's 36-hole total of 143, one over par, had left her three strokes

Davies, who had to play two holes, the eighth and ninth, had a double bogey five at the former, a mini monster of 192 yards, where she hit a four-iron short, chipped to

The new-look Nancy Lopez — two stone lost since January and working out every day — dropped five shots in the seven holes she had to play, including four-putting the

71: C. Wacker (Puffin) 69; 72: L. J. Furlong 70, 73: M. Neuse 71, 72; J. Insher 70, 73; 144: D. Richard 74, 70: C. Pierce (GB) 75, 69; L. Grimes 74, 70: M. Zimmerman 74, 70; M. McGeorge 74, 70; B. Denzil 72, 70; J. Piers 72, 72; A. Bianc 73, 71; E. Dahlrot (Swe) 72, 72; B. King 72, 72; B. Whitehead 72, 72; M. Mallon 69, 75; T. Hanson 71, 73; R. Hood 71, 73; A. Nicholes (GB) 68, 76

Other scores: 145: S. Croce (It) 73, 72; L. Neumann (Swe) 74, 71.

St Helens..... 24

By CHRISTOPHER JONES

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

Scott Gibbs, not surprisingly, was barracked for the confirmation that rugby union is where he sees his future. Cardiff have talked with the former Wales centre and Sir Helens will accept the highest bid — Richmond and Newcastle are others in the hat — to buy Gibbs out of the two years remaining on his contract.

Perhaps the cat-calls had a wider effect, for something was certainly amiss with St Helens. They were guilty of more mistakes in the first half, when they trailed 18-8, than they had been in the entire season. Attempting to force the pass against a heavily-backing London pack, they made an unusual dangerous wide run involving McVey and Perlini was unsuccessful. In defence,

Paul Newlove was at fault in London's opening try. The world's most expensive player missed the ankles of Barwick, who raced on to McCrae's meat pass before adding the first of several touchline conversions. Although Newlove quickly made amends — from 40 metres out, he beat Tollett, left Langer groping and then stepped back inside Barwick to score — St Helens seemed unable to impose themselves on the visitors.

and, instead, London tightened their stranglehold. McCrae's inventive kick bounced high and kinder for Roskell than Prescott, who paid for his hesitation in failing to get

When Gill high-tackled Hammond, Goulding gratefully collected two points with a goal, but, on the stroke of half-time, Bawden rampaged up the middle, Barwick's accu-

rate grubber kick caused havoc and Minto got finger-tip pressure to the bobbling ball over the line. The video official was summoned, but the try was never in doubt.

Searching for the breakthrough, St Helens persisted with brute force — not that London were about to buckle, yet anyway. Barwick, lethal as a kicker in open play, also again demonstrated his nimbleness in restricted space, out-witting the St Helens cover after McRae had cleverly kept possession alive and worked the ball out wide.

St Helens' failure to get the ball out to their wings quickly enough stymied them for long periods. Goulding's kicking did not produce its normal trouble and although one cross-field effort reached Arnold, the wing was wrapped up by the London defence.

Finally, in the 58th minute, the fightback began. Goulding, under pressure from Roskell, flicked a pass out to Booth, who crashed in under the posts. While the

Iestyn Harris, their stand-off half, guided Warrington to a 36-26 victory over Sheffield Eagles yesterday, scoring two tries and eight goals; he off amassed 24 points in all. Great Britain will play three internationals against New Zealand and visit Papua New Guinea and Fiji in October, under a revised tour itinerary that is expected to be announced today.

pass was forward and London were justified in their grievance about it, the score had a galvanising effect on St Helens. Under desperate pressure, London succumbed to Gibbs, who provided an emphatic answer to his grandstand critics. Goulding missed the conversion, but put St Helens ahead for the first time ten minutes from the end when Matautia fed Martyn for a try that brought the house down.

In a nervous finale, Gibbs shouldered Paul into touch and was helped from the field for his pains, this time to resounding cheers.

SCORERS: ST Helens: Tries: Nemtsoe, Booth, Gibbs, Martyn Goals: Goulding (4), London Broncos: Tries: Barwick (2), Roskell, Minto Goals: Barwick (3)
ST HELENS: S Preece, D Arnold, S Gibbs, P Newlove, A Sullivan, K Hammond, R Goulding, A Perrell, A Cunningham, A Leatham, D McVey, S Booth, C Joynt
Substitutes: A Huntie, T Martyn, V Matsuda, I Pinnarone
LONDON BRONCOS: F Bameck, J Minio, S Roskell, T Tolent, J Paul, D McFie, K Langer, T Mestrow, T Rea, D Shaw, S Rosalen, J Bryant, P Gill
Substitutes: R Barden, L Dynevor, D Pitt, M Brown
Referee: S Presley

BY PHIL YATES

Not surprisingly, Doherty found it impossible to reproduce the exceptional standard of snooker which had enabled him to inflict the first whitewash on Hendry since he was defeated 5-0 by Joe Swail in



The early exchanges against Davis, who beat Peter Ebdon 6-2 in the other semi-final, were predominantly scrappy. Doherty won a low scoring second frame with a brown-to-pink clearance and led 3-1 before the quality of play improved significantly in the

Doherty decisively cleared to the blue before adding the closing frame of the afternoon. That left him requiring only four of the remaining 11 frames to lift his first trophy since the 1994 Regal Scottish Masters.

If teams are level, the tie-breaker is the result in the game between them, so the Claymores can start planning ahead while the defending champions lost out on two counts.

"We played as an entire

As ever, the visitors attack was based almost solely on Stacy, the running back, and LaChapelle, the wide receiver. With 133 yards the former is now the all-time World League leading rusher.

beyond the Claymores when they trailed the London Monarchs 21-7 in the opening game. They eventually won 44-21 in overtime and the Monarchs' 28-9 away defeat against Amsterdam Admirals means an England v Scotland



**Tomorrow: the winner
and the final scores**

Crystal Palace revival under Bassett continues as they win first leg of play-off semi-final

T-shirt prediction has ring of truth

Charlton Athletic 1
Crystal Palace 2

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WHETHER it was mischievous intent or misplaced arrogance, several Crystal Palace players wore T-shirts, bearing the logo "Premier League 1996", when they turned up at The Valley yesterday. For 45 minutes of the first leg of the Endleigh Insurance League first division play-off, it seemed that the jolly jape had backfired: 45 minutes later, having turned around a 1-0 deficit, their confidence of a quick return to the FA Carling Premiership appeared entirely justified.

Though there is still a second leg of the semi-final to be played, and a subsequent decider against Leicester City or Stoke City at Wembley, Palace are on course to regain their place among the elite. They have lost only four times in 21 matches since the arrival of Dave Bassett as manager and, on such a roll, will take some stopping.

Palace needed a half-time pep-talk from Bassett yesterday before finding their true form. "In the first half, we played as individuals and not as a team," he said. "I suggested to the lads that perhaps they could play the way we had asked them to and, fortunately, they responded."

Unlike some of his players, Bassett, who is homing in on his seventh promotion, declined to make any presumptuous statements. "We will not be complacent," he said. "There is no way we are going home crowing."

Palace had ended the regulation season on a high note, rising from sixteenth place to third under Bassett's tuition. Charlton, with only one victory from their closing nine matches, nervously clung to sixth position, courtesy of Ipswich Town's failure to beat Millwall on the final day.

Perhaps the Charlton players had already seen, or been told, of the provocative Palace printing, such was the ferocity of their opening bombardment and they took only 55 seconds to pummel their way through the Palace defence.

Jackson's cross from the right caught Andersen in at



Brown acknowledges his own delight and that of the Palace supporters after volleying the equaliser against Charlton at The Valley

least three minds. Ultimately, he exercised a wrong option, rocketing a diving header at Martyn, his own goalkeeper.

Though Martyn did well to block the unexpected goal attempt, he was unable to prevent Newton from neatly tucking in the rebound.

The goal signalled a frenzied, often ugly, spell of south-east London rivalry and there were a series of niggly fouls. Only after John Kirkby, the

referee, had booked Newton, for a foul on Tuttle, did things calm down. Palace recovered, slowly, with Houghton in businesslike mode in midfield. All too frequently, though, imaginative approach work floundered against Rufus and Balmer, the Charlton centre backs, and only a spectacular save from Martyn prevented Newton from adding a second goal.

Rash challenges littered the

second half, too. Cool heads were called for, but few were evident, the occasion getting the better, or worse, of many as Andersen and Leaburn joined Newton in Kirkby's notebook.

From amid the bitterness, Palace emerged the stronger. Charlton appeared content to preserve what they had and, predictably, the pressure mounted, culminating in two Palace goals in the space of six

minutes. Brown volleyed in the first, in the 65th minute, after Freedman's shot had been blocked by Peterson. Another Freedman effort was smothered by Peterson, but from the resultant corner, Palace went ahead. Ndah's acrobatic overhead kick dropped fortuitously into the six-yard area and Veart reacted quickly, stooping to glance it past Peterson for his first goal for the club.

Only then did Charlton venture forward with any real passion, but it was too little, too late. Perhaps regulars at The Valley can print their T-shirts already: "Football League first division, 1996".

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (4-4-2): A. Peterson — M. Jackson, R. Rufus, S. Balmer, C. Whyte — M. Robinson (sub: D. Whyte, T. Brown, J. Robinson, S. Newton — C. Leaburn, B. Allen (sub: G. Nelson, B. Crystal Palace (5-3-3): N. Martyn — M. Edworthy, A. Roberts, D. Tuttle, L. E. Andersen (sub: R. Quinn, B. R. Brown — R. Houghton, D. Fisher — C. Veart, D. Freedman, G. Ndah. Referee: J. Kirkby.

Woeful Leicester allow Stoke to seize initiative

Leicester City 0
Stoke City 0

BY PETER BALL

STOKE CITY got what they deserved in the Filbert Street sunshine yesterday. A goalless draw in a desperately poor game tilts the advantage their way for the second leg of their Endleigh Insurance League first division play-off semi-final at the Victoria Ground on Wednesday evening.

"When you are away in the first game, you don't want to lose, and we have achieved that," Lou Macari, the Stoke manager, said, "but we might have done better. We had two good chances in the first ten minutes and missed both of them, but that has gone now. We start level on Wednesday, it will be another cup-tie now, and there is no guarantee that we will play as well then."

Leicester have half a Premiership ground with two imposing stands, and two that would not be out of place at Mansfield or Hereford. Yesterday, Filbert Street was full, and it felt like the home of a big club, but, on this performance, it is questionable whether they have even half a Premiership team.

Although Stoke now have home advantage, the game is far from over. Leicester have a good away record and it is difficult to believe that they can play as badly again.

"I've videoed this, but you wouldn't want to watch it again, would you?" a despairing supporter remarked with ten minutes to go. Only a mascotist would have answered "Yes".

The appalling pitch did nothing for Leicester's passing game, but play-off nerves did even more damage. Until the arrival of Parker, the general of the side until Mark McGhee's departure, in the 57th minute, Leicester had made but one telling pass.

The fear of making mistakes and Stoke's constant physical challenge led to negative pass, followed by the ball being banged

aimlessly down field. No wonder that Justin Whittle, the Stoke central defender, got the man-of-the-match award: Leicester's attacks made it easy for him and Sigurdsson to keep them at bay.

Leicester might have been out of the game in the first five minutes. First, Clatidge, under pressure, tried to pass back to Poole; Sturridge intercepted and had a free run on goal, but Poole blocked his shot with his legs. A minute later, Stoke had an even better chance as Potter met Devin's cross about five yards out. Somehow, Poole, coming back from the near post, got his body in the way of the header.

"The first save was brilliant, but the second one was fantas-



Macari: satisfied

tic; I don't know how he kept it out, but it kept us in the game," Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, said.

Sadly, instead of that being the start of a thrilling game, it was to prove the highlight. The remaining 85 minutes dragged on interminably and, although Stoke looked the sharper side, they never created anything so promising again, although Glegghorn and Devin both had reasonable claims for penalties ignored by the referee.

LEICESTER CITY (4-4-2): K. Poole — S. Grayson, J. Watts, S. Walsh, M. Whelan — M. Izell, S. Taylor, N. Larnon, E. Heskey — S. Clatidge, M. Roberts (sub: D. Potter, B. Stoke City (4-4-2): M. Prudhoe — I. Clatidge, L. Sigurdsson, J. Whittle, L. Sandford — M. Devin, R. Wallace, N. Glegghorn, G. Potter — S. Sturridge, M. Shanon. Referee: W. Burns.

Play-off expert Warnock may still have last word

Colchester United 1
Plymouth Argyle 0

BY ALYSON RUDD

COLCHESTER United, for all their heroics and deserved victory at Layer Road in the third division play-off semi-final yesterday, remain the underdogs. Neil Warnock, the Plymouth Argyle manager, is king in the land of the play-off and Plymouth can be expected to lift their game and their morale for the second leg on Wednesday.

Play-off semi-finals are an indignity or a glorious boon — it all depends on how a team reached them. Plymouth were on course, and fully expected, to gain automatic promotion to the second division this season. They missed out by just one point and probably cannot comprehend that their season is still grinding along.

Colchester have squandered early promise in their past four seasons since regaining their place back in the League, and could hardly believe their luck as results around the country went in their favour on the final day of the season

and they squeezed into the play-offs.

Not surprisingly, then, it was Colchester who zoomed around the pitch with zest and optimism. Plymouth, looked impatient and irritable — at one point, Heathcote and Leadbitter began pushing at each other with a marked lack of camaraderie.

Warnock claimed that the scuffle between his players was timely. "I was very pleased, to be honest," he said. "I was thanking Leadbitter at half-time for getting him [Heathcote] going."

Colchester had plenty of the Three Musketeers spirit and, after a dire opening 15 minutes, slowly took charge. Cawley headed wide, Cherry had to back peddle and spring skywards to tip over a dangerous curling cross from Kinsella, and then McGleish attempted a spectacular overhead kick that he flicked wide of the upright.

Undeterred, Colchester pressed hard. McGleish had another two excellent opportunities and then, seconds before half-time, Kinsella, a product of the club's youth scheme, took the one-for-all attitude. He neatly side-stepped the

challenge of Barlow and, from 25 yards fired, an exquisitely placed shot past Cherry. The timing of the goal simply meant that Plymouth had the interval in which to lose any sense of being rudely awakened. Colchester took charge once again and, in the 62nd minute, Reinelt's blistering strike bounced off an upright.

At last, Warnock's side took the bait. Leadbitter's free kick curled to the far post and, had Heathcote reached it with a firmer touch, it would have led to a certain goal. Billy, too, looked destined to equalise when left with a clear run to goal and only Emberson to beat. Billy lifted the ball over the goalkeeper and wide of the post.

Do not read too much into this result, however. Warnock has won three play-off finals — twice with Notts County and once with Huddersfield Town. With home advantage in the second leg, Wembley can only beckon.

COLCHESTER (4-4-2): C. Emberson — T. McCarthy, P. Cawley, G. Cress, S. Bates — C. Fry, T. Dornan, M. Kinsella, P. Gibbs (sub: A. Losh, P. Finner) — S. McGleish, R. Reinelt. PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3-5-2): S. Cherry — R. Logan, M. Heathcote, C. Curran — M. Patterson, M. Barlow (P. Mudge, B. C. Leadbitter, C. Billy Williams — A. Loughlin, M. Evans, C. Corran, B. T. Referee: M. Pearce.

Blackpool take step in right direction

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

IT ALL went sadly wrong for Blackpool. With just weeks to go to the end of the season, promotion from the Endleigh Insurance League second division was within their grasp — yet they threw it away and Oxford United stole into the first division in their stead. A tawdry finish to a frustrating afternoon at Bloomfield Road, bringing bad publicity aplenty, badly helped matters.

Yesterday, however, Blackpool set about putting things right. Condemned to scrapping for the spare promotion place via the dreaded play-offs, they began promisingly, beating Bradford City 2-0 at Valley Parade. They broke the deadlock after 71 minutes, when Tony Ellis scored with a superb left-foot shot, and sealed the win through Mark Bonner's header seven minutes later.

There was also an away win, 2-1, for Darlington in their third division play-off with Hereford United, but they had to bounce back from the shock of Smith putting Hereford ahead

after two minutes. Darlington drew level in the 27th minute with a header from Gregan and Blake scored the winner ten minutes later.

John Gorman, the Scottish-born former Swindon Town manager, has agreed to become Glenn Hoddle's assistant in the England set-up next season. Gorman's appointment has yet to be confirmed by the Football Association, but it is understood the present Bristol City assistant manager has accepted the chance to renew his partnership with Hoddle, established when Hoddle was the manager at Swindon.

A dramatic 82nd-minute goal from Stephen Geoghegan, the striker, earned Shelbourne a 2-1 win over St Patrick's Athletic, their Dublin rivals, in the Football Association of Ireland Cup final replay at Dalymount Park yesterday. St Patrick's had gone ahead in the 59th minute through Campbell's header, but Shelbourne equalised after 72 minutes through Sheridan.

Seasonal hoodoo returns to haunt profligate Crewe

Crewe Alexandra 2
Notts County 2

BY DAVID MADDOCK

THERE would appear to be something of an aversion to the play-off system at Gresty Road. Three times in the past five years, Crewe Alexandra have drawn a losing ticket in that particular lottery, and it seems that a fourth disappointment is on the way.

They contrived to throw away a winning position against Notts County by conceding two goals through poor defending, the second deep into stoppage time at the end of the match. Such generosity suggests that County will hold the upper hand when the sides meet again on Wednesday for the return leg of this Endleigh Insurance League second division play-off semi-final.

County emerged as favourites to reach Wembley thanks to an equalising goal in the second minute of stoppage time from Gary Martindale, the substitute. Crewe's vacant defence stood idly as Battersby exploited a vast amount of space in the box and crossed

for Martindale to head into the net from close range. Such defending has seen Crewe lose ten out of 14 games during the run-in, and frequently sent Dario Gradi, the manager, into an apoplectic state.

He did not disappoint after this game. "We were awful, we just didn't play at all, and I haven't got a clue how we will play in the return leg," he said. "I'm sure we'll run about, but whether we play with any brains is another matter — we certainly didn't today."

They did manage a coherent enough display in the first half to take a two-goal lead, thanks largely to the influence of Danny Murphy in midfield. His absence, through injury, for the final 15 minutes allowed County back into the game.

Crewe had taken the lead in the third minute when a corner by Rivers was allowed to reach Colin Little, who was unmarked, and he scored with an emphatic header.

They went further ahead when Steve Macauley, a makeshift centre forward, delivered a wonderful through ball for Rivers to chase. Ward, the County goalkeeper, was

first to the ball, but he contrived to blast his clearance against the legs of Rivers, and the ball rolled cruelly into the net.

Murphy hit a post, Rivers hit the goalkeeper from close range and Macauley missed a rather simple header as Crewe were presented with chances to put the tie beyond reasonable doubt. Such profligacy gave County encouragement, and they clawed their way back into the match after 53 minutes. Again it was a poor goal to concede, Unsworth, the Crewe full back, gave the ball to Steve Finnian, who promptly found the corner of the net.

Colin Murphy, the Notts County general manager, believes that his side are now in a strong position. "We had a monstrous start, but we played very well in the second half and we have the importance now of the two away goals," he said.

CREWE ALEXANDRA (4-3-3): M. Gayle — A. Unsworth, G. Lightfoot, B. Macauley, L. Ward — S. Taylor, D. Murphy (G. Battersby, G. Whalley (sub: W. Collins, Battersby), S. Macauley, M. Rivers (sub: P. Tierney, B. Notts County (4-4-2): D. Ward — S. Davis, S. Murphy, G. Scudamore, J. Barmouth — B. Brown, C. Doherty, M. Larnon, A. Agnew — I. Battersby, G. Jones (G. Martindale). Referee: D. Allison.

Croydon one victory away from double

CROYDON go into the final match of the Women's Premier National League season, against Arsenal tomorrow, needing victory to complete a league and cup double (Sarah Ford writes).

They picked up four points from their two matches at the weekend, with three coming from the clash with Doncaster Belles, their rivals for the title, on Saturday.

The Belles, for whom a draw would have secured the title, scored first through Karen Walker, but Croydon equalised before half-time thanks to Hope Powell, and their second-half dominance was rewarded with further goals from Powell and Donna Smith.

Yesterday, Croydon drew 1-1 with Liverpool, whom they beat in the UK Living Women's FA Cup final.

Stead plays by the book

Brigg Town 3
Clitheroe 0

BY WALTER GAMMIE

FOR the second day running, a Wembley final was illuminated by a textbook goal. Carl Stead's strike might not last, but it was his powerful run into the penalty area and fierce shot that Stephen Lodge, the referee, adjudged Neil Baron to have handled for Carl Stead's penalty.

Nathan Stead then helped to make Brigg's superiority complete when he picked out Roach running into the area. The winger twisted, turned and finally put in a shot that was sliced high into his own net by Lampkin, the Clitheroe full back.

Clitheroe, of the North West Counties League, had sparked at the start, but, after Mark Greaves saw off an early scare, clearing when an open goal seemingly beckoned

after Rouine's overlap, the Brigg defence was unyielding. The loss of Buckley, their central defender, after 19 minutes, was barely felt as Mail, the former Blackburn Rovers player, shut the door on Clitheroe's best efforts.

The traditional Wembley scenes of elation were a superb way for Ralph Clayton to celebrate an enduring relationship with Brigg. Clayton, 53, whose playing aspirations had been wrecked by a knee injury as a teenager with Souththorpe United, managed them from the age of 21 for a decade before returning eight years ago and masterminding their finest hour.

BRIGG TOWN (4-4-2): R. Gawnthorpe — G. Thompson, M. Greaves (sub: S. Clay, B. Barling, W. Buckley (sub: D. May, R. S. Rogers — M. Eldon, D. McLean, S. Stead, N. Stead (sub: G. McNally, B. — S. Roach, A. Flounders. CLITHEROE (4-4-2): C. Nash — N. Roach (sub: N. Oley, T. A. — B. Barling, S. Westwood, S. Lamson — C. Greaves, A. Rouine, G. Butcher, D. Hill (sub: C. Dunn, S. — A. Darbyshire, A. Taylor (sub: G. Smith, S. Referee: S. Lodge.

Daily goal may prove invaluable

Partick Thistle 1
Dundee United 1

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

THE pair of Dundee United supporters who arrived stripped to the waist with their torsos dyed orange were presumably immune to the cold, but they may still have felt a chill creeping over them. Only five minutes from the end of the first leg of this play-off did their expensive team scramble to a draw through Christian Dailly's goal.

On Thursday, at Tannadice, though, United's play-off in the Bell's Scottish League first division, will expect to swap places with Thistle, of the premier division. The significance of the game was enough to make an impartial onlooker wince. Thistle are an impoverished club and there are players in the team, approaching the end of their contracts,

who know that they may lose their full-time livelihoods if relegation is not avoided.

United have more funds, but a further season in the first division would bring anguish to them as well. The firm of accountants who chose to sponsor the game had, given the financial issues, picked an apt fixture. A club that loses its top flight status forgoes around £1 million a year.

As if there were not enough to fear, this encounter also contained an element of chance. The startlingly bad surface at Firhill — churned and pitted — will make the most skilful player look inept at times. Local knowledge does not even seem to be of benefit, for Thistle last won there on December 2.

When they took the lead yesterday, the goal came, predictably enough, when the ball was at last forced to sit still. The free kick, after 19 minutes, was awarded after Pressley

had clambered on top of Rod McDonald. From 25 yards, Lyons curled a fierce shot round the wall and into the corner of the net.

It was his sixth goal in ten appearances since signing from Wigan Athletic's reserves for £20,000. Murdoch MacLeod, the Thistle manager, was acquainted with him principally because they had met on a golf outing before a match. The Firhill club is used to surviving on astuteness and a little serendipity.

"Thistle are rising again," says the slogan on the back of the jackets worn by supporters. This is rather overstating the case, since the team has, so far successfully, been scrambling to avoid relegation ever since 1992, when they were promoted.

United have costlier and supposedly better players, but the Thistle were more spirited and adroit in the first half. Gradually, however, Billy

Kirkwood's side did establish supremacy, only getting the better of Walker, the goalkeeper, threatened to prove impossible.

Most of United's frustration gathered inside Brewster. After 58 minutes, he lobbed the ball over Slavin and volleyed towards the goal, only to see his shot parried behind. Walker also diverted the forward's header for a corner 15 minutes from the end.

In the 64th minute, Brewster even watched a shot come off the underside of the bar to bounce into the goalkeeper's arms. Walker's influence and good fortune finally expired when Dailly headed home Bowman's deep cross.

PARTICK THISTLE (4-4-2): A. Walker — C. McLean, J. Shaw, S. Walsh, Watson — D. McDonald (sub: F. Smith, B. — W. MacLeod (sub: I. Turner, B. Cameron, A. Lyons — J. McDonald, J. McEneaney — B. Murdoch, S. Pressley, S. Walsh, J. McQuillan — R. McDonald (sub: G. McQuillan, A. B. Brown, C. Doherty, M. Larnon, A. Agnew — I. Battersby, G. Jones (G. Martindale). Referee: J. McCauley.

Ferguson's kids keep faith with Busby's rich legacy



Ferguson: exceptional by any standard

Extolling the virtues of Alex Ferguson's young, remodelled team in achieving a second double in three years, a BBC Radio commentator excitedly made the comparison that "the Busby Babes never even did it once". True enough, but we should pause before declaring that Ferguson's status equals, or exceeds, that of Sir Matt Busby.

Ferguson is an exceptional manager by any standard, and not merely in the matter of winning trophies. He has, like Busby, an uncanny knack of helping players to lift themselves, to perform up to or beyond their capacities. Yet what separated the two teams, so surprisingly, on a prosaic afternoon at Wembley was that Manchester United, more than Liverpool, delivered a collective, patient performance; especially the youngsters.

Ferguson has maintained Busby's principle, that the first duty is to put the club's money out on the field for the benefit of the spectators. He is

also able, perhaps more than Busby, to make tactical calculations.

Twice in the league this season, Liverpool had out-manoeuvred United. Never mind that this was the FA Cup Final — the most conspicuous day on the calendar watched worldwide — Ferguson intended to ensure that the same did not happen again. McManaman had to be stifled. Keane, with perhaps his best display of the season, and ably supported by Beckham, Neville and Irwin, shadowed McManaman heartlessly. United displayed a patience that was typical of... Liverpool.

To have won the double with this team is indeed a tribute to the manager in what might have been an interim season. Like Busby, Ferguson promoted the youngsters. Butt, Beckham, Scholes and the Nevilles, and they confirmed the old adage that, if you're good enough, you're old enough.

It was last year when United should have repeated the double, and it was undoubtedly Cantona's extraordinary folly at Crystal Palace



David Miller contends it is too soon to promote the United manager's record above that of a famous forerunner

that primarily prevented their from doing so, just as he has now assuredly been, once more, the fulcrum of another twin triumph.

To say, however, that the victory on Saturday surpasses the era of Busby's famous side is a shade unfair. When, in 1957, United went to Wembley seemingly needing only to stand up to defeat Aston Villa, they were denied by a grotesque foul. When McParland, Villa's Northern Ireland winger, broke the cheekbone of Wood, United's goalkeeper, with a head-on charge in the early minutes, there were then no substitutes. Jackie Blanchflower had to be withdrawn into goal, disrupting the whole team. The next February, five of the "Babes", and eight players in all, perished at Munich.

It is significant that, of the five post-war managers with sustained success in England — Busby, Shankly, Nicholson, Paisley and Ferguson — three have been Scots. It has something to do with a blend of discipline and passion, and the communication of these qualities to the players, both young and old. Bryan Robson, who never played under Busby, tells how the old man always advised him that "you should play for fun, otherwise there's no point".

The communication between Ferguson and his men is all too evident, both when they regained the league title against Middlesbrough and now again at Wembley. The warmth of the embraces was sincere, not histrionic: a bond that was apparent when I first interviewed

Ferguson, many years ago at Aberdeen.

The warmth, the benevolence, in Busby's eyes was always visible, in victory and defeat. Ferguson's eyes are unusual. They can be cold and harsh when he is angry, but a smile returns to the eyes whenever he talks about what his players give to the club, to the game, to him.

His players have now reached the heights because they ended the season with a remarkable spell of sustained resolve. Giggs, whose talents are so often equivocal, and Beckham gave the kind of determined display that Ian Callaghan and others long ago made the hallmark of Liverpool.

Where Ferguson has been fortunate is to have escaped from the worst error of his career. Poor Cole. Devoid of touch and understanding in team work, consistently squandering possession during United's early dominance on Saturday, he must be replaced if the team is to make its mark in the European Cup Champions' League — the arena in

which Ferguson has to emulate Busby. What about Yeboah, I wonder?

In Busby's four famous teams — 1948, 1957-58, 1963, 1966-68 — he made no bad buy. Rowley, Delaney, Gregg, Berry, Taylor, Cantwell, Crendall, Setters, Herd, Law and Stoney all delivered. Only Quixall, in the 1963 Cup side, was no more than a moderate success.

Ferguson is entitled to celebrate: three championships, three FA Cups, runner-up once in both and European Cup Winners' Cup in the past six years of a ten-year reign. Before that, with Aberdeen, he collected three Scottish championships, three Scottish Cups and a Cup Winners' Cup.

Busby, by comparison over 20 years, won five championships (runner-up seven times), two FA Cups (runner-up twice), and the European Cup. We should not seek to rate one above the other, merely be grateful that each has been dedicated to promoting the game as much as glorifying the club.

Moment of genius decides moribund final

Cantona confirms his place among the greats

Liverpool 0
Manchester United 1

By ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IN SPORT, as sometimes in life, an hour of boredom can be transcended by a moment so sweet, so unexpected, that it seemed to be preordained. Such a moment came at almost the end of a moribund FA Cup Final at Wembley on Saturday when Eric Cantona, of course, scored the only goal.

It gave Manchester United their achievement of the double-double, the first team in history to twice win the League and the FA Cup in the same season. Given that the team builder is Alex Ferguson, one is bound to toast this double in scotch; but it is laced with that gallic spice without which neither double would have been won.

"His first touch, his composure, his accuracy... it had everything." So said Ferguson of Cantona's execution in that fateful 85th minute. I am sure that you have it in your mind's eye right now for, provided that you stayed awake for the moment, it was exceptional indeed.

The portents to the goal, however, were strange to say the least. David James, the Liverpool goalkeeper, who had caught almost everything else delivered into his goalmouth and had made stupendous reflex saves from Beckham and Cantona, tried to reach a corner from

Beckham through a crowd of bodies. This time, he could only fist the ball, and who should it then take a deflection off but Ian Rush.

Rush, brought on as a substitute for the 670th and final appearance of an exalted Liverpool career, could not get out of the way and, after hitting his shoulder, the ball dropped to the only man who could have scored such a difficult goal.

The ball, in fact, landed too close to Cantona. Neither you nor I could then have shown



such control of mind over body to move ourselves backwards just 18 inches, and then to strike the ball with the right foot with such venom and such precision that, at very least, it was on target for the back of the net.

Sublime skill, but again and again one tries to fathom the magnetic quality that puts Cantona in such a position that he, and possibly he alone, can turn a match, particularly one in which he had been peripheral.

Certainly his contribution over the 90 minutes was little compared to the breathtaking physical feat of Roy Keane who, temper controlled for most of the match, helped to shape the boredom by sacrific-

ing his surging spirit in a role in front of United's back four, snuffing out not only the athleticism of McManaman, but also stifling, at source, the rather tepid midfield leadership of the white-booted John Barnes.

Still, there were elements to Cantona's goal that defy belief. One was that James, having collided with Wright, his own defender, was still grounded. Others were that no less than four Liverpool defenders stood static, as if mesmerised, as the ball travelled between them.

Afterwards, before the lid was lifted on United celebrations, Peter Schmeichel, the goalkeeper who himself had made saves through the season that had kept United in games that Cantona then won, was asked whether he had ever known such an influential individual as the Frenchman?

"Beckenbauer, Cruyff, Maradona, Pele," the Dane responded. He paused and pondered, then added: "But you put Eric in that company. He's got a fantastic eye for the game. He sees things other players never see. He's brought up not in the English tradition of a striker, and that makes it difficult to defend against him."

Thank heavens for the moment. Earlier, Andy Cole, so fast at getting into scoring position, so abject and so frightened of opportunity, had looked the great contradiction to Ferguson's lauded judgement of purchasing. Had Cole remotely been the predator

that he is paid to be, this final could have been over within the first 15 minutes when, alas, Liverpool were a betrayal of their true form.

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, could not defend the performance. He tacitly admitted what was wrong when he said: "United have been in gear the whole time, we came to Wembley having had a couple of games of, shall we say, indifferent performance. There's no doubt about it, we need to improve. OK, we've got some good young stuff along with old players, but we need a more professional attitude."

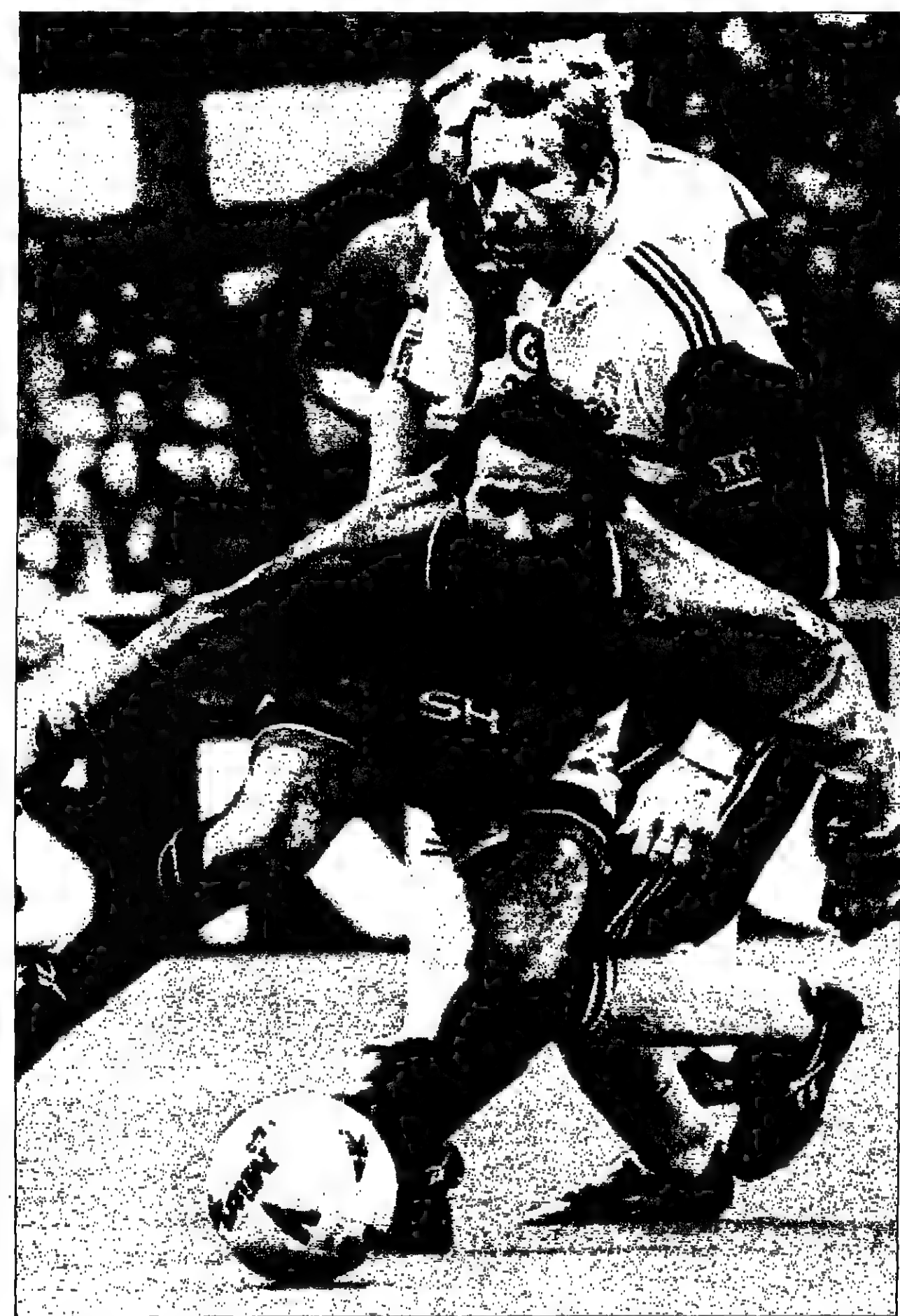
The truth, as ever, from Evans, but he now has some very harsh decisions to make on players who bore out that observation concerning lack of professional application. Some of them, in those dreadful Armani cream suits, look to have put on several pounds since the fitting a month ago.

They had come dressed like a Dixieland jazz band. They had laid back, unprofessionally indeed, in recent weeks, and now at a Cup Final, so help us, they were groping for the right notes, for the touch and rhythm that had twice in the League outplayed Manchester United.

Sadly, many of the Wembley audience deserved no better. I think not of the disturbed individual who spat at Cantona, nor the Liverpool lout who swung a punch at Ferguson. Far too many Liverpool followers taunted their United counterparts about Munich. Thousands of United followers, meanwhile, ignored the double team before them and spent much of the day, as they had at the FA Carling Premiership crowning at Middlesbrough last Sunday, chorusing the most lewd and crass song they have devised to abuse Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle United manager.

Blind fools: whatever their failings, Keegan's team entertains. Many of them must have paid £300 to attend two matches that brought their club history, and they brought numbing disrepute to it.

Maybe they can be redeemed for they had before them the symbol of redemption. "The style is the man," could have been written for Cantona. It was penned three centuries ago by George Louis de Buffon, who also wrote: "Genius is nothing but a great aptitude for patience." That,



Giggs, the United forward, receives the ball as Scales, the Liverpool defender, closes in to suppress the threat



Keane, who proved so influential for United, faces up to the threat of Fowler

Supporting cast tell tale of two cities

Michael Henderson says that Cantona's winning goal was a fitting riposte to the excesses of sections of the Liverpool crowd

The art of captaincy, Ian Chappell has said, is keeping those players who think you are a bastard away from those who are not quite sure. Australia's cricketers were eventually grateful for Chappell's bastardy and Manchester United's supporters would feel terribly deprived this morning were it not for Alex Ferguson's contrariness.

The United manager's achievement this season is without parallel in the history of English football. To win a second double in two years with a young team that is, at best, half-formed, boggles the mind. One could argue that this side is not the match of some that failed to win the old first division championship, but the deeds speak for themselves, and the autumn doubters have been routed.

Wembley saw the best of English football neither on the field nor off it. It was a poor game, adorned by an extraordinary goal. That Cantona scored it was entirely apt. He has illuminated the

season and his qualities of intuition, balance and power were evident in that volley. It was a pearl, and all the more satisfying for being cast before swine.

With swift repositioning and a snap of his right foot, the Frenchman silenced those Liverpool supporters who had spent the previous two hours showing the world how adorable they are. A group perched below the Royal Box spent most of the time waving their arms to imitate planes, a reference to the Munich air crash. Their faces were portraits of sheer hatred, undiluted by any trace of humanity.

Not a single steward, it goes without saying, attempted to admonish them, let alone turf them out. If this is not behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace, what on earth is? To make light of tragedy in such a disgusting way, particularly when they

have acquaintance with a tragedy of their own, at Hillsborough, is unforgivable.

The "loveable Scouser" is one of the great canards of our time. Liverpool supporters are no more admirable than any others, and in many cases considerably worse, something that they do not need telling in Turin. Coming from Liverpool carries a burden in itself, for, as Alan Bennett has written, people there "have a cockiness that comes from being told too often that they and their city are special".

So, when Cantona went up to collect the Cup, a very special person indeed expected to follow him. Cantona gave him a look of pity. Another man tried to batter Ferguson as he followed his players up the steps, and when the manager said later "there was nothing silly", he was speaking no more than the truth.

This is how football supporters behave, particularly Liverpool's towards Manchester United. Compare the behaviour of these "fans" with Leicester's at Twickenham last week, when their team lost the Pilkington Cup in contentious circumstances. They belong to different worlds.

There is envy in it. United are the most famous club in Great Britain, and the most successful, at the moment. There is history in it, too. Manchester has traditionally been the more prosperous city, from the Industrial Revolution through to the opening of the new Bridgewater Hall later this year. Manchester, though down at heel in some respects, faces the world confidently. Liverpool, a port that faces the wrong way, exports only self-pity.

United still have some distance to travel before they have a team capable of fulfill-

ing all of their manager's ambitions. The memory of their last two forays into the European Cup is too fresh for anybody to make grand claims on their behalf, although, should they buy a top-class centre half and forward this summer, their chances of terrifying Europe will be that much greater.

Cole they can do without. Three times in the opening 15 minutes on Saturday, he failed either to give a lead or take one as United threatened the Liverpool goal. To win the championship with one so duff as Cole in their side is not the least of United's fears.

It was Cantona's day, and Ferguson's, for a job magnificently accomplished. There was one Liverpool man who conducted himself with dignity. Roy Evans has done a thorough job in overhauling a great club, and, though this was not his hour of glory, he may well live to enjoy it if he amends his team. To reform those ghastly supporters, on the other hand, would challenge a choir of angels.



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Smith allows sorry Sussex no respite



Ostler: joined mayhem

BY ALAN LEE
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HOVE (Sussex won toss): Warwickshire beat Sussex by eight wickets

THE result will surprise nobody, for these teams look leagues apart and, if English cricket was competitively restructured, doubtless would be. Yet there were moments yesterday when the victory that Sussex need so urgently to restore a measure of pride seemed attainable — positions, indeed, from which a team with any self-confidence would probably have won.

Sussex should have scored 270 and settled for 241. Then they took the first two Warwickshire wickets for 31 and came close to several more, but, for each surge of adrena-

lin, there was a deep deflation, so that the eventual outcome seemed predetermined even before Neil Smith put it beyond doubt with his maiden Double century and an unbroken partnership with Dominic Ostler of 214, a county record. Warwickshire, like Sussex, lost their first three matches in this competition last season. Unlike Sussex, they rallied to such effect that they lost the title to Kent only on run-rate. Believing, as they do, that all things are theirs for the taking, they will probably put that straight this year, though they must be prepared to lose Smith to the England team for the Texaco Trophy series in a fortnight's time.

Smith's World Cup role was not clearly defined. Was he the pinch-hitter who could also bowl mean off spin? Or the

specialist slow bowler capable of runs in the lower order? It was never resolved, but he is certain to feature in the selectorial discussion of potential openers next weekend, having followed a dashing 80 in the Benson and Hedges Cup with 111 not out from 87 balls yesterday.

Surprisingly, for one of his reputation, Smith had made only four while Vaseb Drakes, bowling with more venom than he mustered in the championship fixture, dismissed Knight and Paul Smith. He built his innings with care, and only in its latter stages, with Sussex flagging and Ostler a willing partner in mayhem, did he cut loose, seeing his side to victory with an insulating 5.5 overs to spare.

This outcome was greatly appreciated by Warwick-

shire's travelling supporters, some of whom — those with beards and tattoos stacked inside their Brew XI replica shirts who were bellowing insane football chants — do their best to drag the tone of Sunday cricket even further below its deliberately downmarket image.

Coloured clothes may be a valid trademark of this, an identification of a different game, but certainly it fails to identify the teams. Warwickshire play in a curious mix of Oxford and Cambridge blues, gold and white that one would have thought it impossible to copy. Yesterday, Sussex played in identical colours; only the design was subtly different.

As with all one-day diversions, however, Sundays have their specialists. One such is

Keith Greenfield, who was Sussex's leading runmaker in the league last year and their top scorer again yesterday. He made his 72 assistively, but it was utterly upstaged by Martin Speight, a player who can astonish, delight and infuriate in the time that it takes most ordinary batsmen to play themselves in.

Speight reverse-swept four consecutive balls from Neil Smith, all of them sweet and solid from the middle of the bat, before pull-driving sides off good length balls from Welch and Paul Smith. He made his 39 from 24 balls and almost knocked Neil Smith over as he took the catch that dismissed him. Sussex were 124 for one in the 21st over when he was out, leaving everyone but Warwickshire begging for more.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley Challenge series

Gloucestershire v Indians
BRISTOL (second day of three): Gloucestershire with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 155 runs behind the Indians

INDIANS: First Innings
V Rastogi c Henson b Alleyne 63
M S Subin c Alleyne 115
S V Mangrkar c and b Alleyne 55
TR David not out 36
M Ashrafuddin bow b Devon 13
S Ganguly c Lynch b Lewis 15
A Kumble bow b Alleyne 15
S Joshi c Symonds b Davis 28
J Smith c Symonds b Davis 28
Venkatesh Prasad c Alleyne b Davis 7
Venkatesh Prasad run out 22
Extras (b 2, lb 12, w 8) 22
Total 406

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93, 2-230, 3-255, 4-278, 5-290, 6-328, 7-338, 8-388, 9-406

BOWLING: Lewis 34-8-86-1, Sheeraz 23-1-51-5, Davis 26-2-88-2, Hancock 5-0-1-0, Dawson 2-0-3-1

GLoucestershire: First Innings
R I Dawson c Rathore b Smith 15
D R Henson b Kumble 53
M A Lynch c Dravid b Smith 4
T R Hancock b Smith 27
A Symonds not out 120
M W Alleyne not out 12
Extras (b 3, lb 7, w 3) 13
Total 251

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-34, 3-38, 4-178, 5-212, 6-218, 7-222, 8-232

BOWLING: Smith 18-5-58-3, Venkatesh Prasad 14-2-40-0, Venkatesh Prasad 8-1-35-0, Kumble 18-2-59-1, Joshi 8-2-47-0

Umpires: R Julian and A G T Whitehead

AXA Equity & Law League

Hampshire v Essex
SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Hampshire by ten wickets

HAMPSHIRE
J P Stephenson not out 110
J S Lacey c Law b Cowan 16
R A Smith c Rathore b Cowan 0
P R Whalley c Grayson b Inari 18
R S M Morris c Rathore b Inari 18
G W White c Grayson b Inari 11
W K M Benjamin not out 10
Extras (b 3, lb 8, w 8) 19
Total 167

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-54, 3-80, 4-134, 5-163

BOWLING: Inari 8-0-34-1, Cowan 8-3-17-2, Law 6-0-20-0, Such 8-0-46-0, Inari 8-0-32-2, Grayson 4-0-29-0

ESSEX
D D J Robinson not out 76
S G Law not out 108
Extras (b 3, lb 3, w 3) 9
Total (no wicket, 32.2 overs) 190

BOWLING: Smith 8-0-20-0, Connor 8-1-40-0, Thurlfield 5-0-51-0, Stephenson 3-0-24-0, Udal 8-0-34-0, Whalley 2-0-19-0

Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd

Lancashire v Leicestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Lancashire by one run

LEICESTERSHIRE
P V Symonds b Yates 91
V J Wells c Gallian b Yates 45
B F Smith c Atherton b Watkinson 26
M J Dalton c Flettner b Martin 0
J J Whalley b Watkinson 14
P A Nixon not out 28
D L Maddy c Hogg b Gallian 16
C C Henry c Eworthy b Gallian 2
G J Parsons not out 2
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 8) 13
Total 252

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-107, 2-198, 3-180, 4-187, 5-208, 6-225, 7-241

BOWLING: Martin 8-0-45-1, Austin 8-0-33-0, Eworthy 4-0-36-0, Yates 8-0-49-2, Watkinson 7-0-50-2, Gallian 5-0-34-2

Umpires: H D Bird and R A White

Middlesex v Durham

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Durham by 17 runs

MIDDLESEX
P N Weekes bow b Collingwood 57
M R Pamphill bow b Brown 4
M Gelling b Gallian 13
J D Carr c Scott b Baldridge 13
C Pookey c Collingwood b Brown 30
K R Brown not out 28
D A Shaw not out 2
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 2, nb 2) 14
Total 188

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-40, 3-42, 4-148, 5-160, 6-220

BOWLING: Maddy 8-1-27-2, Parsons 8-0-33-2, Perry 5-0-31-0, Wells 5-0-31-0, Pearson 7-0-41-1, Symonds 8-0-40-1, Maddy 10-1-14-0

Umpires: H D Bird and R A White

Northamptonshire v Glamorgan

NOTTINGHAM (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by four wickets

GLAMORGAN
S P James c Pookey b Ambrose 0
M Morris b Codd 17
P A Maynard c Bailey b Ambrose 9
A Dale c Ambrose b Codd 21
R D B Croft not out 68
G J Gibson not out 47
S D Thomas not out 29
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 4, nb 2) 16
Total 188

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-28, 3-44, 4-67, 5-77, 6-98, 7-116, 8-159, 9-165

BOWLING: Pookey 8-1-34-0, Fraser 8-1-38-1, Flettner 8-1-29-2, Carr 5-0-25-2, Weekes 8-0-29-3, Dutch 2-1-10-3

Umpires: A Clarkson and J H Harris

Nottinghamshire v Somerset

TALBOT (Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Somerset by six wickets

SOMERSET
M Lathwell c Metcalfe b Tolley 28
P D Bowler c Pickett b Bates 18
S C Ecclestone c Pickett b Bates 18
R J Harder c Johnson b Barnes 66
S Lee c Johnson b Pickett 68
S J Turner not out 34
G D Rose b Barnes 6
M E Treloar not out 10
P C L Holloway not out 3
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 1) 7
Total 282

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-49, 3-75, 4-208, 5-212, 6-218, 7-222, 8-232

BOWLING: Pickett 8-0-44-0, Pickett 8-0-39-2, Tolley 8-0-50-2, Barnes 8-1-42-2, Bates 6-0-43-1, Archer 2-0-12-0

Umpires: S Leachester and R Palmer

Surrey v Kent

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Kent by 150 runs

SURREY
D M Ward run out 112
A D Brown b Eastham 84
A J Hollis c Long b Fleming 25
R J Lacey c Walker b Fleming 27
J C Julian not out 34
S C Hollis c Long b Fleming 2
Extras (b 6, lb 10, w 6, nb 2) 23
Total 307

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-127, 2-198, 3-251, 4-298, 5-305

BOWLING: Wren 8-0-49-0, Thompson 8-0-40-0, Hooper 8-0-40-0, Maddy 8-0-43-0, Eastham 7-0-63-1, Fleming 7-0-46-3, Long 1-0-16-0

Umpires: K J Lyons and B J Meyer

Sussex v Warwickshire
HOVE (Sussex won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Sussex by eight wickets

SUSSEX
K Greenfield run out 72
J W Hall c Knight b N M Smith 33
M P Speight c M M Smith b Welch 39
P A Wells run out 30
P Moore run out 16
D R C Law c Ostler b Pollock 18
K Newell not out 3
V C Drakes not out 3
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 7, nb 6) 21
Total 241

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-87, 2-124, 3-182, 4-193, 5-221, 6-232

BOWLING: Reeves 8-0-35-0, Brown 5-0-25-0, Pollock 8-0-50-1, N M Smith 8-0-41-1, P A Smith 4-0-27-0, Welch 8-0-44-1, Giles 1-0-11-0

Umpires: J W Holder and A V Holder

Yorkshire v Derbyshire
SHEFFIELD (Derbyshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 45 runs

YORKSHIRE
D Byles c Jones b Harris 31
M P Vaughan b Clark 84
M G Brown run out 5
A McGrath c Kirkham b Griffith 15
White c DeFreitas b Aldred 46
R C DeFreitas c Jones b Wells 36
D Gough c DeFreitas b Clark 20
A C Morris run out 14
P J Hartley c Wells b Clark 2
C E W Silverwood not out 1
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 4, nb 8) 18
Total 210

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-68, 3-97, 4-87, 5-171, 6-173, 7-202, 8-207, 9-210

BOWLING: Clark 8-0-41-3, DeFreitas 8-0-48-0, Griffith 8-0-30-1, Harris 8-1-23-1, P A Smith 4-0-26-1, Jones 1-0-5-0, Aldred 5-0-35-1

Umpires: J H Hampshire and N T Piles

Derbyshire
K J Barnett bow b Silverwood 52
D M Jones c Baven b Stamp 23
C Adams c Gough 30
J Owen c and b Stamp 0
C M Wells c and b Stamp 8
P A J DeFreitas bow b White 12
K M Kirkham bow b Gough 0
D G Clark run out 10
P Aldred not out 7
A J Harris b White 1
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 2, nb 2) 13
Total 185

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80, 2-81, 3-82, 4-103, 5-138, 6-139, 7-148, 8-149, 9-152

BOWLING: Hartley 7-0-30-0, Gough 8-0-35-2, Silverwood 8-0-31-1, White 6-3-30-2, Stamp 8-0-32-3

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P D Bowler c Pickett b Bates 18
S C Ecclestone c Pickett b Bates 18
R J Harder c Johnson b Barnes 66
S Lee c Johnson b Pickett 68
S J Turner not out 34
G D Rose b Barnes 6
M E Treloar not out 10
P C L Holloway not out 3
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 1) 7
Total 282

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-49, 3-75, 4-208, 5-212, 6-218, 7-222, 8-232

BOWLING: Pickett 8-0-44-0, Pickett 8-0-39-2, Tolley 8-0-50-2, Barnes 8-1-42-2, Bates 6-0-43-1, Archer 2-0-12-0

Umpires: S Leachester and R Palmer

Surrey v Kent
THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Kent by 150 runs

SURREY
D M Ward run out 112
A D Brown b Eastham 84
A J Hollis c Long b Fleming 25
R J Lacey c Walker b Fleming 27
J C Julian not out 34
S C Hollis c Long b Fleming 2
Extras (b 6, lb 10, w 6, nb 2) 23
Total 307

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-127, 2-198, 3-251, 4-298, 5-305

BOWLING: Wren 8-0-49-0, Thompson 8-0-40-0, Hooper 8-0-40-0, Maddy 8-0-43-0, Eastham 7-0-63-1, Fleming 7-0-46-3, Long 1-0-16-0

Umpires: K J Lyons and B J Meyer

Sussex v Warwickshire
HOVE (Sussex won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Sussex by eight wickets

SUSSEX
K Greenfield run out 72
J W Hall c Knight b N M Smith 33
M P Speight c M M Smith b Welch 39
P A Wells run out 30
P Moore run out 16
D R C Law c Ostler b Pollock 18
K Newell not out 3
V C Drakes not out 3
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 7, nb 6) 21
Total 241

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-87, 2-124, 3-182, 4-193, 5-221, 6-232

BOWLING: Reeves 8-0-35-0, Brown 5-0-25-0, Pollock 8-0-50-1, N M Smith 8-0-41-1, P A Smith 4-0-27-0, Welch 8-0-44-1, Giles 1-0-11-0

Umpires: J W Holder and A V Holder

Yorkshire v Derbyshire
SHEFFIELD (Derbyshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 45 runs

YORKSHIRE
D Byles c Jones b Harris 31
M P Vaughan b Clark 84
M G Brown run out 5
A McGrath c Kirkham b Griffith 15
White c DeFreitas b Aldred 46
R C DeFreitas c Jones b Wells 36
D Gough c DeFreitas b Clark 20
A C Morris run out 14
P J Hartley c Wells b Clark 2
C E W Silverwood not out 1
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 4, nb 8) 18
Total 210

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-68, 3-97, 4-87, 5-171, 6-173, 7-202, 8-207, 9-210

BOWLING: Clark 8-0-41-3, DeFreitas 8-0-48-0, Griffith 8-0-30-1, Harris 8-1-23-1, P A Smith 4-0-26-1, Jones 1-0-5-0, Aldred 5-0-35-1

Umpires: J H Hampshire and N T Piles

Derbyshire
K J Barnett bow b Silverwood 52
D M Jones c Baven b Stamp 23
C Adams c Gough 30
J Owen c and b Stamp 0
C M Wells c and b Stamp 8
P A J DeFreitas bow b White 12
K M Kirkham bow b Gough 0
D G Clark run out 10
P Aldred not out 7
A J Harris b White 1
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 2, nb 2) 13
Total 185

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80, 2-81, 3-82, 4-103, 5-138, 6-139, 7-148, 8-149, 9-152

BOWLING: Hartley 7-0-30-0, Gough 8-0-35-2, Silverwood 8-0-31-1, White 6-3-30-2, Stamp 8-0-32-3

Umpires: J H Hampshire and N T Piles

Northamptonshire v Glamorgan
NOTTINGHAM (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by four wickets

GLAMORGAN
S P James c Pookey b Ambrose 0
M Morris b Codd 17
P A Maynard c Bailey b Ambrose 9
A Dale c Ambrose b Codd 21
R D B Croft not out 68
G J Gibson not out 47
S D Thomas not out 29
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 4, nb 2) 16
Total 188

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-28, 3-44, 4-67, 5-77, 6-98, 7-116, 8-159, 9-165

BOWLING: Pookey 8-1-34-0, Fraser 8-1-38-1, Flettner 8-1-29-2, Carr 5-0-25-2, Weekes 8-0-29-3, Dutch 2-1-10-3

Umpires: A Clarkson and J H Harris

Nottinghamshire v Somerset
TALBOT (Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Somerset by six wickets

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Briton to meet Tyson or Bowe

Lewis strengthens title hand with disputed decision

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK

THE crowd of 17,000 at Madison Square Garden for the ten-round heavyweight bout in the early hours of Saturday did not like the verdict of the three judges. They did not think that Lennox Lewis had beaten Ray Mercer, even on a split decision (95-95, 96-95, 96-94). They thought that Mercer had won clearly, by three or four rounds and they cheered their disapproval.

The New York papers took up the cry on Saturday. "Ripped Off" and "Lucky Lewis" the headlines screamed. Lewis has certainly lost on my card, by two rounds, but when his hand was raised at the end of the bout, it seemed poetic justice in a sport in which manipulation and corruption is considered good business practice.

It was Lewis who had been "ripped off" by boxing politics for the past year — and was still the victim. Mike Tyson would not accept his mandatory challenge because Lewis boxes for HBO and Tyson for Showtime. The two television companies are bitter rivals.

After a year of litigation, luck was now going Lewis's way at last. The win over Mercer has put him in an extremely strong financial position and has given him confidence that he can take on the best men in the heavyweight division.

He could make money without Tyson. If Tyson decided to drop out of the \$60 million (about £39 million) World Boxing Council heavyweight title bout that would give Tyson \$45 million and Lewis \$15 million, the Briton would meet Riddick Bowe.

Bowe wanted a rematch with Lewis after seeing him struggle with Mercer. "It's been my dream to fight him," Bowe said. "I'd like to fight him in August because it's my birth-

day in August and I'd give him a birthday whipping." The bout could, indeed, take place at the end of the year. Should Tyson relinquish the title rather than be forced to meet Lewis, Lewis would have to meet Oliver McCall, the No 2 challenger, first, in September.

Seth Abraham, the head of HBO Sport, said that a three-bout deal about to be signed would commit Bowe to a contest with Lewis. Lewis would be Bowe's second opponent. The first would be Andrew Golota, of Poland, in July.

Referring to the controversial scoring in Lewis's bout with Mercer, Abraham said: "Lewis got a break. Bowe got a break. Rock Newman [Bowe's manager] got a break. Sometimes it is better to be lucky than good. If Lewis doesn't get Tyson, we will make Lewis-Bowe."

"I think Tyson will give up the belt. Tyson will fight Joe Louis before he fights Lennox Lewis. Despite what we saw tonight, Lennox is still a dangerous opponent for Tyson. That's the bottom line."

Panos Eliades, Lewis's financial backer, said: "Lennox-Bowe is a very big fight: bigger

for Lennox than the Tyson fight. Lennox and Bowe would share about \$30 million, \$25 million each. Rock Newman and I are talking, but first we must sort out the trouble with Tyson in court."

If Tyson does not give up the title, he must meet Lewis by September. The longer he waits the better for Lewis. He needs time to improve his defence — the jab to keep Tyson out. Even though Lewis has a good jab, he did not use it against Mercer, who had no trouble out-jabbing Lewis, even though he is three inches shorter than Lewis.

Bowe said: "Lewis has got much better under Emanuel Steward, but there's still much for him to learn. He could not out-jab Mercer — when a shorter man out-jabs you, there's something wrong."

However, despite Lewis's failure to dominate the bout, under Steward, he has certainly improved greatly. He has learnt to battle his way out of a corner and deliver short combinations inside. It was breathtaking whenever he cut loose inside against Mercer, punching with speed to the body and head. If Steward can tighten up his defence by stiffening the jab, he would have a good chance of beating Tyson. "Ray Mercer put me under a lot of pressure — which is good for my fight with Tyson," Lewis said.

Steward said: "Mercer gave Lewis a harder fight than Tyson would. Mercer is a real tough guy. While Tyson is fighting nobodies like Bruno, who should have been in diapers when he fought Tyson. Lennox is fighting rough, tough guys. He showed how tough he can be and what a good chin he has when he punched it out with Mercer. Other British heavyweights would have collapsed."



The Bath Cup freestyle relay, staged by Otter Swimming Club at Crystal Palace, produces a breathtaking effort. Photograph: Deniz McNeelance

Campbell supply perfect parting gift

By JOHN GOODBODY

AT LEAST one teacher can retire content this summer. For the past 25 years, Campbell College, Belfast, have travelled to London to compete in the schools relay championships organised by Otter Swimming Club.

Throughout that time, the enthusiasm of Fred Parkes, the master in charge of swimming since 1964, has never wilted.

He has always craved a victory in the Bath Cup, the annual freestyle event, founded in 1910. Third time and second once, he thought that his squad might win in 1995. They finished second again in a time that would have taken first place in 1994.

Parkes retires in July and last Friday, at Crystal Palace, was his final chance of victory in a competition that attracted 64 entries from independent schools belonging to the Headmasters' Conference.

Campbell College have been Irish Schools freestyle champions for the past two years, but it is difficult to judge the strength of schools from the rest of the United Kingdom because there are not enough events to make an accurate assessment.

Parkes was worried about Nottingham High School after their showing in the heats of the 4x100 metres race. "I thought they were coasting," he said. "You can get fooled by heats' times. In 1977, we did the fastest time in the heats but came third in the final."

He thought that Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, the winners last year, had three of their 1995 team back. "The problem was, we didn't know how much they had improved and how good their fourth member was," he said.

Parkes and Campbell College need not have worried. As Andy Hunter, a 55.7sec 100-metre sprinter came thrashing down the final length, Camp-



bell College finished five seconds clear of their rivals with Trinity School, Croydon surprisingly second.

The modern trend has been for talented swimmers to train with clubs rather than at school. Campbell have only two squad sessions a week. The rest of the time, team members such as Hunter, Andrew and Dennis Bree, Neil Cameron and James Hand are with their clubs.

Hunter said: "What I don't like about swimming is when

the alarm clock goes off at 5.25am four mornings a week for my first session with the Ards club." Fortunately, Ards is based at the Campbell College pool.

"What I particularly enjoy about swimming is going last on relays," Hunter said. "No one cares that much if you don't win as an individual, but when it is a relay, everyone is relying on you."

Hunter's father, Andrew, also coached by Parkes at Campbell College on his way to representing Ireland at the 1972 Olympic Games, said: "Fred is an enthusiast, but also a man who likes things done right. He does not permit any sloppiness."

Hunter Sr clocked 54.6sec for the 100 metres freestyle in 1976 and believes that the standard of coaching is particularly responsible for the improvement in times. "We did up to four hours a day in the water," he said. "Youngsters nowadays are not spending

more time swimming, but they are spending it more wisely."

In the Otter medley relay event, Leeds Grammar School edged out Nottingham High School with a squad of past and present members of the City of Leeds club. They dedicated the success to their former coach, "Pip" Williams, who died last year before she could see the school's first victory in the competition.

In the girls' events, City of London Freeman's School and Epsom College swapped first and second places in the freestyle and medley relays. Jennie Keith, the manager of the Freeman's team, who won the freestyle, said: "I think I was even more excited than the girls. I was skipping about. However, the commitment of the swimmers is quite outstanding. They train so hard at their clubs and they are the ones who wanted to be here."

Results, page 32



Lewis lacked real spark

YOUR CHANCE TO BE PART OF THE BIGGEST FOOTBALLING EVENT IN BRITAIN SINCE THE 1966 WORLD CUP

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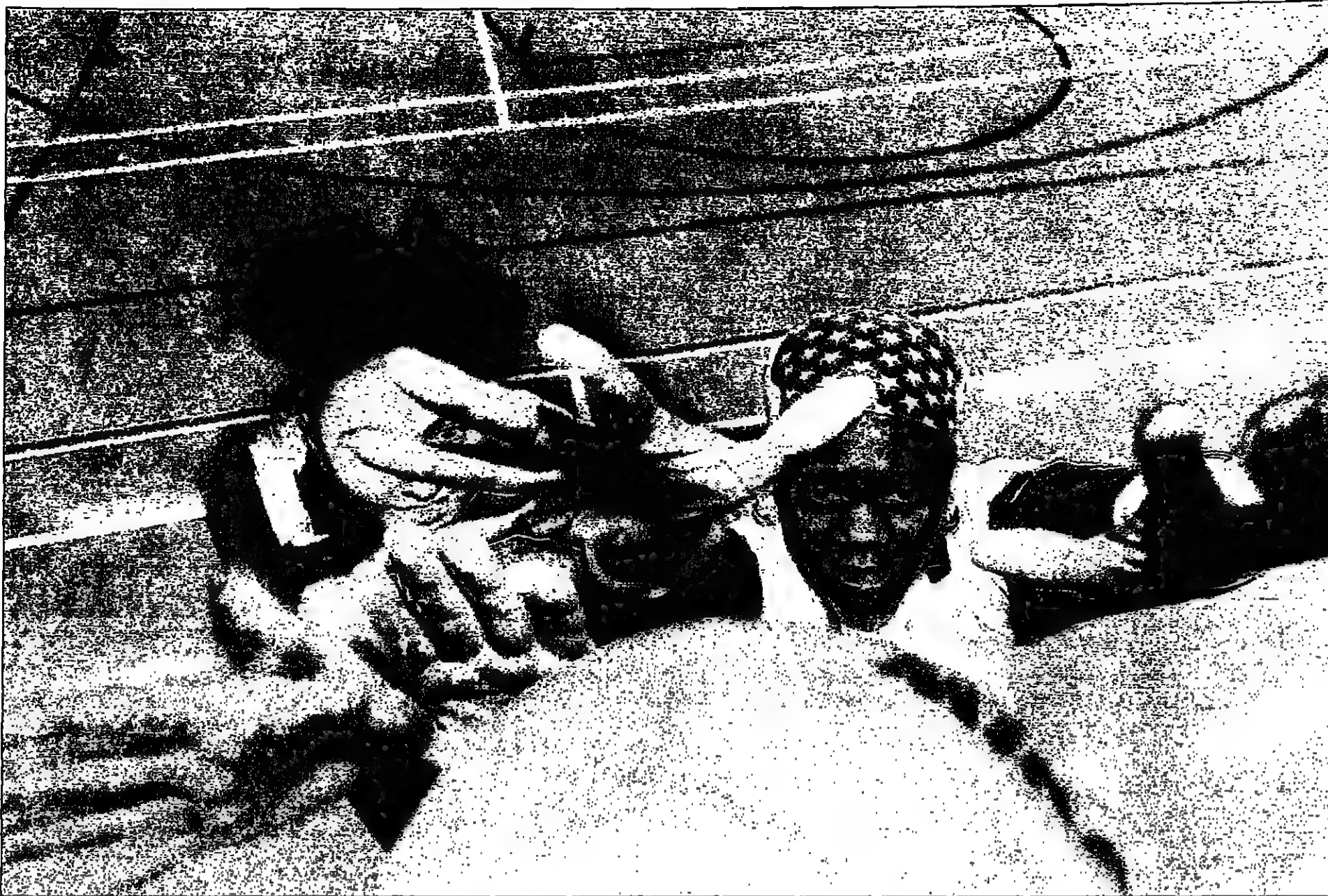
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EURO 96 COMPETITION WEMBLEY DATES

England v Switzerland	Saturday June 8
England v Scotland	Saturday June 15
England v Holland	Tuesday June 18
Quarter-final	Saturday June 22
Semi-final	Wednesday June 26
Final	Sunday June 30

John Goodbody reports on the growing popularity of volleyball



Britannia Music City volleyball team, which is based in Hackney, east London: its spirit and dynamism and the players' agility are very impressive

In the spectacular kaleidoscope of movement and colour at the Olympic Games this summer, one event, beach volleyball, will be making a new impact on the Games. For the first time, it has been included in the programme, and the glamour of the sport is likely to excite billions of television viewers around the world.

This will also benefit its older brother, indoor volleyball, which has been part of the Games since 1964 and has more than 170 countries as members of the world governing body.

Anyone who has seen volleyball cannot fail to be impressed by its skill and athleticism.

David Miller, my colleague, who has probably seen a greater variety of international sport over the past 15 years

than any other journalist, wrote of the 1989 World Volleyball Cup in Japan that "it is tactically perhaps the most sophisticated of all team games".

Among the delights of volleyball are that it can be played indoors or out, on a variety of surfaces and by both sexes or in mixed teams. Recreational games can also be held in smaller areas than the regulation 18 metres by 9

metres, which is only slightly smaller than a tennis court. Many of Great Britain's firefighters use their cramped yards for volleyball games between call-outs.

Like so many sports, the popularity of volleyball in Britain does not reflect its international standing. Go to Brazil, where there are said to be more volleyball players than footballers. In Rio de Janeiro, there are 350 courts

on Copacabana Beach. Millions of people around the world have found the immense satisfaction of leaping up to the net, 2.43 metres above the ground (2.24 metres for women), then smashing the ball downwards so that a member of the opposing team cannot return it before it touched the ground.

Orthodox volleyball is six-a-side; beach volleyball two-a-side. If you are good at one, you are automatically good at the other. It is as close in technical and physical demands as cross country and road running: players are only slightly more suited to one or other of them.

Bruce Hertogs, who has recently started an indoor club at Maldstone, in Kent, said: "Though volleyball is a simple game, it is also tremendously involving mentally. It may not be a contact sport, but it is still

thought that basketball was too strenuous, so he invented volleyball. Just how advanced this sport has become in Britain can be seen when you watch one of the leading clubs, Britannia Music City, which is based in Hackney, east London. The agility and commitment are impressive. So is the team spirit.

Janette Smith-Dacosta, 30, a part-time cashier and mother of two, said: "I love the dynamism of volleyball. It is an outlet for me away from home, although my children often come. They love watching me play."

Many of the women are at least 5ft 10in tall, particularly the spikers or smashers, who hammer the ball over the net. However, Steve Colpus, their coach, said: "This does not mean that a smaller player cannot make an impact on the game. They are often invaluable in defensive situations."

Vanessa Malone, 24, a nursing sister, plays six-a-side volleyball and beach volleyball. She said: "I think it is more difficult to play on the beach because it is so hard to run about on the sand. It was great entertainment last summer. We had competitions all around Britain. Bikers were out in the hot weather and we even had a samba band at Tenby, in Wales."

So popular has beach volleyball become that sand has been imported into indoor arenas for winter competitions. As the Olympics this summer, a permanent beach volleyball stadium is being built beside a man-made lake 20 miles outside Atlanta.

Team Rascal, consisting of Audrey Cooper and Amanda Glover, as No 12 seeds, will represent Britain in Georgia as the first national team ever to have a world ranking indoors or out. The tournament, enlivened by their bright costumes, shades and sunblock, will be like some desert island fantasy. The Times will certainly be there.

English Volleyball Association, 27 South Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7AG (0115 9816324)

A game to net new fans worldwide

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT
Most deals on which each side can make a large number of tricks involve a "double fit" — that is, each side has a fit in two suits. This is a recent example, from the high-stake game at TGR's.

Dealer	West	North-South game	Rubber bridge
♠ 9872	♠ 987	♠ 9872	♠ 987
♥ 765	♥ 765	♥ 765	♥ 765
♦ 10975	♦ 10975	♦ 10975	♦ 10975
♣ 10985	♣ 10985	♣ 10985	♣ 10985
♠ 9872	♠ 987	♠ 9872	♠ 987
♥ 765	♥ 765	♥ 765	♥ 765
♦ 10975	♦ 10975	♦ 10975	♦ 10975
♣ 10985	♣ 10985	♣ 10985	♣ 10985

With the jack being dummy, this is a clear suit preference signal. Now a diamond ruff will beat the slam.

West was found wanting in the play in Six Spades. Declarer ruffed the diamond lead and drew trumps in two rounds. He then led a club towards the dummy, and West rose with the ace. Thus Six Spades made easily. West should have ducked the club — holding five hearts, he could see that a heart would not stand up. After the king holds, declarer returns to hand with a heart ruff, and plays another club. If West plays low again, South may go wrong by finessing the jack.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HOOKE'S GREEN
a. Shepherd's Bush
b. Green watercolour
c. A trout fly

MAKORE
a. Ebony inlay
b. Ritual humiliation
c. A redwood tree

MAKO
a. Japanese male pride
b. A jungle song-bird
c. The blue shark

MAKKOLI
a. Wheat beer
c. Sea broccoli
d. A loose silk gown

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KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov stumbles

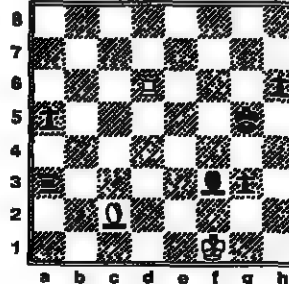
The game that cost Garry Kasparov first prize in the Moscow speed chess event at the end of last month showed his overweening self-confidence to disadvantage. In an equal position, Kasparov avoided a draw by repetition, but the move that he chose — 27 Qb4 — was a terrible mistake that allowed Black a dangerous passed pawn.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Vladimir Kramnik
Moscow speed chess April, 1996

Queen's Gambit Declined

1 d4	d5
2 Nf3	Nf6
3 Nc3	Nc6
4 e3	e6
5 cxd5	cxd5
6 Bb5	Bd7
7 Nxd4	Bd6
8 O-O	O-O
9 Bc2	Bb6
10 Nf3	Bb6
11 Bc2	Bb6
12 a3	O-O
13 b4	Ox7
14 Bb2	Rb6
15 Nc4	Rb6
16 Nxd5	bxc5
17 Ne4	Bxb2
18 Nxb2	cs
19 bxc5	Qxc5
20 Nc3	Qb6
21 Nf4	Bf5
22 Bf3	Ra8
23 Qc4	Ba4
24 Be2	Ba4
25 Bc4	Ba4
26 Be2	Ba4
27 Qb4	d4
28 Qxd6	Rxd6
29 Rf1	g5
30 Nf5	Nf5
31 Bxf5	g4
32 Rf2	g4
33 f3	g4
34 Bf3	Ra3

Diagram of final position



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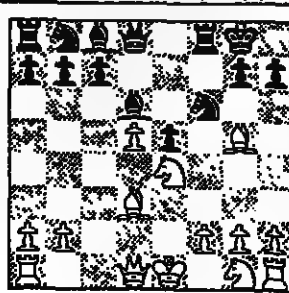
In *Winning Move* on Friday, David Bronstein challenged for the world championship once, not twice.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Freese-Schroder, Marburg, 1951. This position looks safe enough for White, but Black now blew up his opponent's defences with a brilliant combination. Can you see what he played?



Solution on page 41

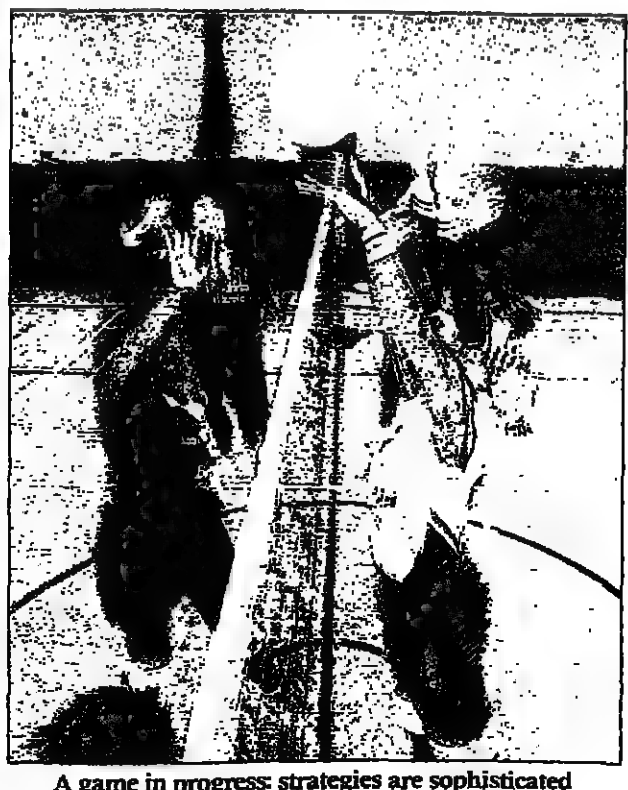
SPORT FOR ALL

a powerful game. It requires particular skills and you have to apply those skills from unusual positions.

"You need flexibility, the ability to dive and stretch quickly and, though volleyball is not as stamina-intensive as football, you have to be in good shape. There is certainly an athletic appeal about the sport."

"Girls can play with guys. They may not be so dominant aerially, but they can be very solid and 'dig' the ball back. Everyone has to stay involved. You cannot hide."

The sport was invented in 1895 in the United States by a director of physical recreation at a YMCA in Massachusetts. He wanted to provide some form of exercise for large groups of businessmen and he



A game in progress: strategies are sophisticated

TUNE IN AND CHOOSE BRITAIN'S GREATEST SPORTS STAR

Tonight, Channel 4's *The Greatest* gives you another chance in the series to vote for the Greatest British sporting hero of them all. And your vote will count in more ways than one, because it could win you a pair of tickets to the European football championship or even the top prize of a trip to the Olympic Games in Atlanta with Daley Thompson.

The main aim of the 12-part series is to bring some degree of scientific method to the comparisons so that a motor racing driver can be judged against a cricketer, a jockey against a footballer. You probably won't be able to put aside your prejudices completely — we all have our heroes, and our favourite sports — but *The Greatest* will open your mind to achievements and personalities you may not otherwise have considered worthy of greatness.

The cases for Jackie Stewart, Linford Christie, Bobby Moore, Tony Danza, Mary Rand, Ian Botham, Barry John, Nick Faldo, Steve Ovett, Bobby Charlton, Lester Piggott, Steven Redgrave, Kenny Dalglish, Denis Compton, Len Hutton and Sebastian Coe of the 20 shortlisted have been stated. Each week two contenders are examined and their relative merits discussed by the panel of Frances Edmonds, author and broadcaster, Danny Kelly, editor of *Total Sport*, and a guest celebrity (tonight it is Alan Wells). Chairing the debate is Gordon Kennedy. The final show will give the results and declare *The Greatest*. *The Greatest* is screened on Channel 4 on Mondays at 8.30pm and repeated on Saturdays at 10am.

TONIGHT'S CONTENDERS



FRED PERRY

The clause, "Fred Perry, the last British man to win the Wimbledon singles title", has been written almost every year since his third successive victory in 1936. It is record that he was long to see broken, because he regularly attended the Championships as a journalist and broadcaster and was a constant supporter of the British players. However, none of his successors has possessed his rare combination of technical excellence, athleticism and a fighting spirit. People are still aware of his feats at Wimbledon but what many do not know are his performances in the Davis Cup and the other leading championships.

Perry was the first player to win all four Grand Slam titles, collecting eight in all before he turned professional at the age of 27. He inspired Britain to four successive victories in the Davis Cup and in his career won 45 of his 52 matches in the competition.

He was a natural mover, with a long reach, a superb running forward and was a genuine all-round sportsman, being world table tennis champion in 1929. However, what made him a champion was his unyielding determination. The son of a Labour MP, he was disliked by the All-England Club, partly because of his background and partly because he took the game so seriously. Perry was a pioneer of the sport. Although he was pre-eminent among his contemporaries, he played in an era when tennis had not been developed world-wide.



DALEY THOMPSON

Daley Thompson was John McEnroe with a sense of humour. Brilliant and boorish, Thompson also raised laughter wherever he went. Sometimes his achievements were stained by his controversial behaviour but he justified his way by suggesting that, if well-to-do people thought him offensive, the man on the street enjoyed his pranks. What was never questionable was Thompson's position as the world's finest decathlete. Uniquely, he held, in the mid-Eighties, the distinction of being Olympic, world, European and Commonwealth champion and world record-holder as well. Twice Olympic champion, he competed in four Olympics and set four world records. He was undefeated between 1978 and 1987.

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Wife takes tenancy subject to order

Church Commissioners for England v Al-Emarah and Another
Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Waite
[Judgment May 8]

A wife who was deemed to be a statutory tenant of a dwelling house in the place of her husband took the tenancy subject to a pre-existing possession order against the husband, including the requirement to pay arrears of rent.

Where the wife subsequently failed to meet the terms of the order, the landlord was not entitled to enforce the pre-existing possession order against her, but was obliged to bring fresh proceedings for possession against the wife under section 98 of the Rent Act 1977, and the court would have to consider whether it would be reasonable and upon what terms to grant such an order.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the wife, Parvati Abdulhadi Parvati, against Mr Justice Connell's order of May 3, 1995, whereby, on the wife's application for an order under paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 1 to the Matrimonial Homes Act 1983, he granted her an order for possession of the matrimonial home.

Connell's order dismissing the landlords' application for leave to enforce against the wife the suspended possession order previously obtained against the husband.

Paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to the 1983 Act provides: "(1) Where the spouse is entitled to occupy the dwelling house by virtue of a statutory tenancy within the meaning of the Rent Act 1977, the court may by order direct that, as from such date as may be specified in the order, that spouse shall cease to be entitled to occupy the dwelling house and that the other spouse shall be deemed to be the tenant or, as the case may be, sole tenant under the statutory tenancy."

Miss Jane Belson for the wife, Mr Sebastian Reid for the landlords, the husband did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that the husband was sole tenant of the matrimonial home under a statutory tenancy. After the breakdown of the marriage he lived elsewhere and the wife and three children remained in occupation.

The landlords brought proceedings for possession under the 1977 Act on the ground of non-payment of rent. The wife was a possession order against the husband and was suspended upon terms that he pay current rent as it fell due and £1,000 a month off the arrears.

In 1991 housing benefit was granted to the wife and regular payments had been made to the landlords of the whole of the rent due except for between £8 and £10 a week. The wife obtained a decree nisi of divorce in 1992 and in 1993 the husband was adjudicated bankrupt.

It was common ground between the wife and the landlords that the

husband's original contractual tenancy ended with the commencement of the possession proceedings; and that, although he no longer occupied the matrimonial home, he thereupon became the sole statutory tenant by virtue of section 16(1) of the 1983 Act, which deemed the wife's occupation as his own.

Schedule 1 to the 1983 Act was expressed by paragraph 1 to apply to all cases where one spouse was entitled, alone or with another, to occupy a dwelling house under the statutory tenancy.

For the purposes of the present appeal his Lordship was prepared to assume that that concession was correctly made since it was not essential to the issue the court had to decide, although there were powerful arguments to the contrary which might have to be considered in a case where the point arose for direct consideration.

Miss Belson submitted that the provisions of Schedule 1 represented a comprehensive statutory code which conferred, in relation to a leasehold matrimonial home, rights upon the spouses not only as between each other but also in respect of third parties such as landlords and mortgagees.

Thus construed, she submitted, the deemed provision of paragraph 3(1) conferred upon the occupying spouse de novo all the rights of a tenant without regard to any orders that may have been obtained against the original tenant spouse. On that basis the judge was wrong to have treated the possession order of 1990 as having any effect upon the wife's deemed tenancy at all.

If that was wrong, she submitted, the only condition relevant was the condition as to payment of rent; the condition as to payment of arrears became nugatory, being replaced by the statutory discretion conferred on the court by paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to

consider whether or not liabilities outstanding at the date of the order should be the liability of both spouses jointly and severally.

If the merits of the case were the sole matter to be considered there would be powerful force in Miss Belson's submissions but the matter had to be approached as one of pure statutory interpretation.

The answer lay in the concluding words of paragraph 3(1). They provided that the claimant spouse should be entitled to be deemed the tenant "under that statutory tenancy"; that is, the tenancy referred to at the outset of the paragraph as being the tenancy by virtue of which the respondent spouse was entitled to occupy the dwelling house.

That precluded any possibility of regarding the claimant spouse as being entitled to a new form of tenancy differing in nature from that afforded to the respondent spouse by the original statutory tenancy.

The husband's tenure under his statutory tenancy was rendered precarious by the possession order. That was an inherent feature of his tenancy.

If the wife was to become tenant in his place under that same tenancy, it was inevitable that her tenure too would be subject to the identical infirmity.

That conclusion was supported not only by the language of the statute but also by general principles of construction favouring a construction of legislation which avoided interference with the rights of third parties.

Once it was accepted that the wife's new tenancy was subject to the terms on which the possession order was suspended, both conditions applied. Paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 did not confer any exclusive means by which a liability for outstanding liabilities such as arrears of rent might be imposed.

Miss Belson submitted that,

even if the wife's tenancy was subject as part of its terms to both conditions of suspension of the possession order against the husband, there had never been a possession order directed against the wife, even though she was joined as a party to the 1990 possession proceedings.

It followed, she submitted, that if there were to be a breach of either condition, which seemed inevitable having regard to the wife's lack of means, the landlords could not rely on the possession order under that order, but would have to start independent possession proceedings against her under section 98 of the 1977 Act.

Mr Reid submitted that the wife was not only bound, as a result of their importation into her statutory tenancy, by the conditions on which the possession order was suspended, but was also subject to the terms of the possession order itself, with the result that her rights were limited to resisting execution under section 100 of the 1977 Act.

On that aspect Miss Belson's submission was plainly correct. It accorded with observations of Lord Goff, Master of the Rolls, and Lord Justice Rimer in *Sheriff v Brand* ([1995] 1 QB 403, 420 and 431) and with the judge's views in the present case.

Thus the possession order of August 23, 1990, as opposed to the conditions of its suspension, was not enforceable against the wife.

While agreeing with Mr Justice Connell's conclusion, his Lordship preferred to base that result on the general grounds of statutory construction referred to above rather than that favoured by the judge of treating the order under Schedule 1 as analogous with the principles applying to devolution of statutory tenancies by succession on death.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN agreed.

Solicitors: Blakeney's, Radcliffe Crossman Black.

Kelly and Another v Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice Aldous
[Judgment May 3]

On an appeal against a local authority's refusal to grant a hackney carriage vehicle licence, a council which concluded that there was significant unmet demand in the area for taxis could determine the extent of that demand and how it was to be matched with all the current outstanding applications, or remit the matter to the local authority for reconsideration.

Where a local authority failed to determine an application for a hackney carriage vehicle licence, an appeal against withholding a licence was available under section 71(b) of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing appeals by William Atwell Kelly and Derek Smith against decisions of Mr Justice Laws in the Queen's Bench Division on March 17, 1995 that Liverpool Crown Court was wrong to order Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council to issue 10 taxi licences to Mr Kelly and one taxi licence to Mr Smith.

Mr Peter Birss, QC and Mr John Pugh for the appellants, Mr Bill Braithwaite, QC and Mr William F. Widdowson for the council.

LORD JUSTICE AULD said that the appeals concerned the manner in which a local authority responsible for the issue of hackney carriage vehicle licences, and a crown court on appeal from its decision, should deal with an application for a licence or licences where it was of the view that there was significant unmet demand in the local authority's area for the service of taxis.

Section 31 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and section 16 of the Transport Act 1985 together provided that a district council could refuse to grant licences for the purpose of limiting the numbers of licensed taxis if, but only if, it was satisfied that there was no significant unmet demand in the area for the services of taxis.

Kelly applications. The council refused Mr Kelly's application for 10 taxi licences on the ground that there was no evidence of any significant unmet demand for taxi services within its area.

On Mr Kelly's appeal to the crown court the council maintained that there was no significant unmet demand, but that, if there was, it had many other applicants to consider in addition to Mr Kelly.

The crown court heard evidence that satisfied it that there was a significant unmet demand. It also

heard about the other applicants. Apparently without considering the extent of the unmet demand or the possible relevance of those other applicants to its decision, it ordered the council to issue 10 licences to him.

Mr Justice Laws had allowed the council's appeal, ruling that the crown court should not have ordered the issue of any licences to Mr Kelly but should have remitted the matter back to the council for its consideration in the light of the crown court's conclusion on demand.

The issue was how a local authority, or the crown court exercising its powers under section 48(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 on an appeal by way of rehearing, should approach its task if it was of the view that there was significant unmet demand.

Should each, without more, grant the application before it, or should it consider also the extent of the demand, how many additional licences were necessary to satisfy it, and then determine the application in accordance with a system of allocation fair to the applicant and all other current applicants.

Mr Kelly submitted that while some system of allocation might be necessary for local authorities to enable them efficiently and fairly to deal with all applications for taxi licences, the exercise of the licensing function in the crown court was much more limited.

He submitted that the wording of section 16 of the 1985 Act, its statutory purpose of the removal of restraints, which called for speedy decisions, and the practical limitations as to what the court could do required it to grant the licence unless it was satisfied that there was no significant unmet demand.

In his Lordship's judgment, it was a necessary part of the licensing function that the licensing authority, whether a local authority or the crown court on appeal from it, or a combination of the two of them, applied in relation to each applicant a system which was fair to all applicants.

That could only be done in any particular application where a local authority maintained that there was no significant unmet demand, and where there was such demand, by a determination of its extent and how it was to be matched with all the current competing applications, including that of the particular applicant.

It followed that a further process of inquiry had to take place before a decision could be made whether to grant the licence to Mr Kelly.

There was nothing in section 16 of the 1985 Act, in its requirement that a licensing authority had to grant a licence if it was not satisfied that there was no significant unmet demand, to prevent the authority, whether council or court, from examining in the

context of an individual application the general state of unmet demand by reference to all outstanding applications.

A court, like a local authority might be faced with a number of applications or appeals; in such a circumstance, the court could not sensibly or properly consider each application in isolation.

Smith application. Mr Smith applied to the council for a taxi licence in 1986, 1991 and again in 1993. The council informed him that it would take no action on his applications until after the High Court's ruling in Mr Kelly's case.

The crown court held that the council's decision to withhold a licence by not making a decision on any of his applications was a "withholding" of a licence against which a right of appeal was provided by section 71(b) of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907.

Mr Justice Laws held that "withholding" in section 71(b) meant more than a failure to deal with an application; it meant refusal of a licence. He therefore held that Mr Smith had had no right of appeal to the crown court.

In reaching that conclusion he was largely influenced by the difficulty he saw in identifying a date of withholding. If it meant failure to make a decision, for the purpose of determining the 21-day period within which an appeal had to be lodged.

In his Lordship's judgment, the words and intention of section 7 were plain. In the context of licensing, section 71(b) provided a right of appeal where a local authority had made a determination whether to grant or refuse a licence, and section 71(b) provided the same right where a local authority, by its failure to make a determination, withheld a licence.

That interpretation might pose difficulties in determining the date of withholding for the purpose of fixing that start of the appeal period, for example, where the local authority had no established cycle of licensing meetings.

But the crown court would need to consider the particular circumstances of each case, bearing in mind always that withholding was a form of continuing inaction and that it might not be appropriate to adopt an overly rigorous attitude to the time limit for appealing in such a case.

However, for the reasons given on Mr Kelly's appeal, Mr Smith's application had to be remitted to the council for its consideration in the light of the crown court's conclusion on demand.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Aldous agreed.

Solicitors: Silverbeck Rymer, Liverpool; Mr P. G. Manson, Wallasey.

Trustee in bankruptcy can trace investment profits

Trustee of the Property of F. C. Jones and Sons (a Firm) v Jones
Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Beldam and Lord Justice Millett
[Judgment April 25]

A person in possession of money the legal title to which had passed to a trustee in bankruptcy was not entitled to retain the proceeds of profitably investing it. At common law the trustee in bankruptcy could trace those profits and assert his claim to them in an action for money had and received.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Mrs Anne Jones, and upholding, but for different reasons, the judgment of Judge Cherrymann, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division in Cardiff District Registry in March 1995, that ordered that moneys in court be treated as being the property of the trustee in bankruptcy of the property of F. C. Jones and Sons and be paid out to him.

Mr James K. Quirke for the defendant, Mr Stephen Davies for the trustee in bankruptcy.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that in 1984 the partners of F. C. Jones and Sons, potato growers, had committed an act of bankruptcy and in due course had been adjudicated bankrupt.

After the act of bankruptcy but

before the adjudication the defendant, the wife of one of the partners, opened an account with commodity brokers and paid in £11,700 from a joint bank account in the names of her husband and one of her partners.

The defendant's subsequent dealing in potato futures proved highly profitable and she received cheques totalling £50,760 from the commodity brokers and paid them into an account she had opened at R. Raphael and Sons plc.

The Official Receiver informed Raphael's of his claim to the money, the defendant immediately demanded the release of it. Raphael's interpleaded and an order was made on the interpleader summons that the money be paid into court.

The defendant conceded that the trustee's claim in relation to the original £11,700 was bound to succeed but argued that he could not recover the profits made from her use of that money.

The judge thought that the defendant had received the money in a fiduciary capacity and was a constructive trustee. He had erred. Plainly the defendant had not received the £11,700 in a fiduciary capacity. She was not a constructive trustee. She had no legal title to the money, at law or in equity, but was merely in possession of it.

If she retained the profit made by the use of the trustee's money,

then, in the language of the modern law of restitution, she would be unjustly enriched at the expense of the trustee.

Equity had no role to play in the instant case. The trustee had to bring his claim at common law. If he had to trace his money he had to fall back on common law tracing rules. He claimed the money because it belonged to him at law, or represented profits made by the use of money which belonged to him at law.

In the circumstances the trustee could trace his money and could successfully assert his entitlement to that part of the money the money in the defendant's account at Raphael's which represented the profits made by the use of it.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE, agreeing, said that the decision went further than the decision of the House of Lords in *Lipkin Gorman (a Firm) v Karpanal Ltd* ([1991] 2 AC 548) in that it held that the action for money had and received entitled the legal owner to trace his property into its product, not only in the sense of property for which it was exchanged, but also in the sense of property representing the original and the profit made by the defendant's use of it.

Justification for such an extension was to be found in the words of Lord Mansfield in his seminal judgment in *Clarke v Shepp* (1799) 1799 where he said of the action for money had and received: "This is a liberal action in the nature of an action in equity and it is under the circumstances of the case it appears that the defendant cannot in conscience retain what is the subject matter of it, the plaintiff may well support this action."

The defendants could not, in conscience, retain the profit any more than the original £11,700. She could not, by making a profit through the use of money to which she had no title, acquire some better title to the profit.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Thurston, Kidd, Minster; Eversheds, Cardiff.

Deciding whether fresh asylum claim was made

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Ravichandran Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Sandralingham
Before Mr Justice Dyson
[Judgment April 19]

Where the Home Secretary decided that a fresh claim for asylum had not been made, that decision did not trigger a right of appeal under section 8 of the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993. Whether a fresh claim for asylum had been made was to be decided by the secretary of state whose decision was challengeable on public law grounds.

Mr Justice Dyson so stated in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing applications by Senathirajan Ravichandran and Jayashanti Sandralingham for judicial review of decisions by the secretary of state on February 15, 1996 of their applications for leave to enter the United Kingdom as not constituting fresh claims for asylum.

Mr Ian Lewis for the applicants, Mr Robert Jay for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE DYSON accepted that the solution to the question of a right to appeal came in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 of the 1993 Act. If a fresh claim for asylum had been made and was refused, it had to be accompanied by a refusal of leave to enter. That would trigger a right of appeal under section 8.

If a fresh claim had not been made, then paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 precluded any appeal under section 8.

It was insufficient for an applicant to circumvent that provision simply asserting that a claim was a fresh claim. It must be determined to be a fresh claim before a right of appeal could be triggered.

In *R v Secretary of State for the*

Home Department, Ex parte Onibiko (The Times April 2, 1996) it was said that the Master of the Rolls was saying that the decision of the secretary of state as to whether a claim was a fresh claim or not stood until and unless it was corrected on a review by the court.

So long as that decision stood, it had been determined that the applicant had not made a fresh claim for asylum and paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 was a bar to an appeal.

There was no binding authority on the issue of precedent. However, his Lordship adopted the tentative answer put forward in *Ex parte Onibiko* but which was not determinative of the appeal in that case: namely that the question whether a fresh claim had been made was for the secretary of state and the immigration appellate authorities whose determinations were susceptible to challenge only on Wednesbury grounds of reasonableness ([1994] 1 KB 223).

The test of what constituted a fresh claim should not be taken to mean that there must necessarily be a change in the nature of the persecution said to be feared: see *Ex parte Onibiko*.

Thus a later claim might be a fresh claim if it was supported by convincing fresh evidence of the same persecution said to be feared as was alleged in support of the earlier claim. In the present case the secretary of state had applied the wrong test.

It was important that the secretary of state should conscientiously apply the test formulated in *Ex parte Onibiko*.

That involved drawing a careful distinction between deciding a new claim on its merits, and deciding whether a new claim was sufficiently different from an earlier claim to admit of a realistic prospect that it could succeed, despite the rejection of the earlier claim.

Solicitors: M. K. Sri & Co. Harrow; Treasury Solicitor.

Belgium not a safe third country for refugees

Regina v Special Adjudicator, Ex parte Turus and associated applications
It was not proved that Belgium was a safe third country to which to return asylum seekers.

Mr Justice Hadden so held on April 19 in granting the applications of Mehmet Turus, Adem Bostem, Awat Ammen, Adam Folly-Nosron and Seluk Urugul for certiorari to quash the decisions by immigration special adjudicators that their asylum applications should be refused. Mr Kelly could each be returned to Belgium, a country through which they had travelled before entering the UK, without contravening the Convention and Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees (1951 (Cmd 9171) and 1967 (Cmd 3068)).

HIS LORDSHIP said that articles 50 and 52 of the Belgian Law of December 15, 1980 provided that in certain circumstances an asylum seeker had to declare himself to be a refugee in the eight working days following arrival.

In *Ex parte Turus*, a decision of the Belgian Conseil d'Etat of March 8,

1995, an appellant entered Belgium illegally, travelled to the United Kingdom and was returned to Belgium on third-country grounds. The court found that his Belgian application was already time barred and that his case for asylum in Belgium was not of great strength.

In the five cases before his Lordship there was abundant evidence before the adjudicators to

contradict the Home Secretary's certificates as to the safety of Belgium for returned asylum seekers.

Correction

In *Capital and Counties plc and Another v Hampshire County Council* (The Times April 26) Barlow Lyde & Gilbert represented Digital Equipment Co Ltd.

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Akinbolu v Hackney London Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Ward and Mr Justice May
[Judgment April 23]

It was a secure tenancy of a council house granted to a person whose local authority had been notified as an overstayer and thus an illegal immigrant was not invalid and the local authority had no right to evict him summarily.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the applicant, Mr Akinbolu, against the dismissal by Judge Mervyn, QC, in Shoreditch County Court of his application for an injunction against Hackney London Borough Council and granting a declaration that the tenancy agreement was void.

Section 81 of the Housing Act 1985 provides: "The tenant condition is that the tenant is an individual and occupies the dwelling-house as his only or principal home."

Ground 5 of Schedule 2 to the Act, by which the landlord was entitled to gain possession provides: "The tenant is the person... to whom the tenancy was granted and the landlord was induced to grant the tenancy by a false statement made knowingly or recklessly by the tenant."

Mr James Goudie, QC, for the applicant, Mr Richard Gordon, QC and Mr David Dabbs for Hackney.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the applicant was Nigerian born and had come to the United Kingdom at the age of 10 to attend school. He was given im-

ited leave to remain and extensions of leave to remain, the latest of which expired over a year before the tenancy agreement was signed.

He failed to apply for a further extension, because, he said, of a hip injury. He was not refused an extension, he did not apply and became an overstayer and thereby committed an offence under section 24(1)(b) of the Immigration Act 1971.

He was arrested by police and taken into custody as an overstayer but after a few days he was given bail and on returning to the flat he found that the housing authority had changed the locks to the flat and that he was denied entry.

The local authority's claim submitted related to the words of the tenant condition itself. He argued that there was to be added to the tenant condition in section 81 the word "lawfully" in front of "occupies". Lawful occupation was to be interpreted as not only lawfully occupying the property but also lawfully resident within the jurisdiction.

The court agreed with the principles enunciated in *R v Hillingdon London Borough Council, Ex parte Streeter* ([1980] 1 WLR 1425) and *R v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Tower Hamlets LBC* ([1993] QB 632) but they did not apply to the facts of the instant appeal.

The duty imposed on a housing authority in Part III of the 1985 Act required it to provide accommodation for the homeless which might or might not be by way of tenancy, which was to be contrasted with the power given to the housing authority in Part II to grant a tenancy.

The hypothesis upon which the principles set out in *Ex parte Streeter* and *Ex parte Tower Hamlets* were based was that there would be an application made to the housing authority to provide accommodation which would be refused on the ground of unlawful residence.

If, however, on an application under Part III the housing authority granted a tenancy under Part II which was a secure tenancy, it would be able to obtain possession under one of the grounds under Schedule 2 or other grounds unconnected with immigration status but the tenant would not fail to comply with the tenant condition in section 81 by virtue of his unlawful residence.

The public policy which did not require housing authorities to house those who entered the country unlawfully did not extend to deny those whom they had in fact housed such statutory protection as derived from whatever agreement had been entered into.

In so far as an application was made by an illegal overstayer for a tenancy of local authority accommodation, the housing authority had the remedy in its own hands in the management of its housing list and in the questions in the application form to be filled in by a prospective tenant together with the interview.

If the right questions were asked, in the vast majority of cases the immigration situation would be identified if not its final resolution. The housing authority was free to make its own inquiries. If false answers were given, ground 5 of Schedule 2 would apply and it would be a ground for possession of the property. There

would not be many cases where nothing was asked by the landlord nor answered by the tenant.

In the present case, the immigration status of the applicant might well have caused the housing authority, with knowledge of the facts, not to offer him a tenancy. In any event if the immigration authorities decided to deport him, that decision would in itself resolve the issue.

In a case where a housing authority granted a tenancy in ignorance of the true facts about the tenant's lack of immigration status but was not misled by the tenant, public policy did not require that the tenant be evicted from the property he occupied under a lawful tenancy granted to him. The applicant ought not to have been summarily evicted and was entitled to be reinstated.

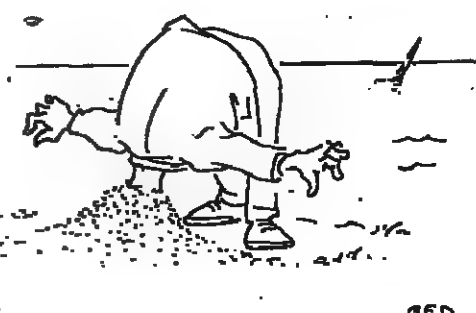
However, the court felt bound to express a view as to the circumstances in which the unlawful eviction took place.

The Protection Against Eviction Act 1977, as amended by the Housing Act 1988, was passed in order to prevent the sort of action taken by the housing authority in this case.

However one might sympathise with a housing authority in the front line of dealing with a large volume of immigrants with inadequate housing accommodation available for those already within the borough, to change the locks on a flat when the tenant was arrested, without waiting to see the immediate outcome of the immigration proceedings was to act unduly precipitately.

Solicitors: Traynam & Co, Stoke Newington; Mr Christopher Hinde, Hackney.

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In theory, it should be easier to win a higher education place this year, as fewer candidates chase roughly the same number of vacancies. But try telling that to admissions tutors in Britain's top universities.

Few expect there to be any let-up in the pressure for entry to the most popular courses either this year or next. Some degrees will have ten or even 20 students applying for each place.

Come September, either two A-level passes or success on vocational courses will secure a degree place somewhere. With 1.5 per cent fewer applications than at this time last year, it should be possible to cater for all those applicants who are prepared to battle through the clearing process if they miss their favoured option. But many people will be disappointed with their final destination.

Prospective students and employers are becoming more discriminating about degrees. Many firms now concentrate on a limited range of universities, rather than joining the national "milk round" of interviewing, and students are adapting accordingly.

When the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service reduced the number of choices available to applicants last year, the result was a rush for the "redbrick" universities. Although the summer clearing system will redistribute students around the sector, their initial choices showed that the educational market was having its effect.

The old claim that all degrees are of equal quality and value is seldom heard today, despite the standardisation of university titles. The divisions have shown up as the various types of university have banded together in separate groups and adopted differing attitudes to the charging of fees.

Although pockets of excellence are to be found throughout the higher education system, knowing where an

John O'Leary
introduces a
five-day guide
to degree entry

institution stands in the new order is an invaluable starting point in the search for a place. Universities publish a wealth of information about themselves, but comparisons and independent judgment are harder to find.

Over the next five days, *The Good University Guide* will attempt to fill some of the gaps. As well as publishing the latest league table of universities, *The Times* will identify the top departments in more than a dozen subjects, and offer advice on how to find a suitable course.

For the first time, the main ranking will take account of the official assessments of teaching quality that have been carried out for the higher education funding councils. Another innovation will be the use of data supplied by the Higher Education Statistics Agency. Both changes should help to ensure the accuracy of Friday's table.

As in previous years, the guide will bring together the key indicators and make them accessible to readers who might not know of their existence. The information and advice should help prospective students to narrow the field and lead on to more detailed inquiries.

Tomorrow we focus on student life and examine what makes Britain's favourite study centres. Wednesday's guide concentrates on the quality debate in higher education, while on Thursday we look at the prospects for universities and their graduates.

A more detailed version of *The Good University Guide* will be published in paperback later in the month.

This year could be the calm before the storm in higher

education, with intakes frozen, an election imminent and the biggest inquiry into the subject for 30 years about to begin. Even the applications process is likely to change significantly in the next few years.

Those competing for places this autumn will already be well aware that competition remains fierce in popular areas, despite the downturn in applications that has been predicted for years. Universities have been prevented from expanding undergraduate opportunities as they would have wished, so a modest drop in the number of applicants still does not spell easy access.

There is little reason to expect dramatic change next year. Sixth-formers and mature applicants are in the process of making choices for 1997 and, for all the attention given to student poverty and graduate unemployment, there is no indication of a collapse in demand for higher education.

Some branches of engineering are suffering another downturn in applications, but demand for medicine, dentistry, psychology and drama is buoyant. In general, arts and social science subjects continue to be the most popular.

Even graduates from prestigious universities now find that a degree no longer guarantees immediate employment, but their career prospects remain much brighter than that of school leavers. A recent upturn in the graduate employment market should bring further encouragement to those still wavering about whether to embark on a degree course.

Admissions tutors expect the applications system to settle down this year, as schools are more confident about the advice they can give sixth-formers. With no prospect of additional places in 1997, there would appear to be little point in delaying an application in the hope of

easier entry.



Successful London University applicants check the accommodation lists at Senate House in Bloomsbury

Make the most of your assets

Colleges need help to decide whom to choose

Three-quarters of a page of A4 often makes the difference between getting a university place and being rejected. That is the space allowed for a "personal statement" on the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) application form.

Sir Colin Campbell, Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham University, says students should start to plan their application from the age of 14, ensuring their free time is used on activities which will impress admissions tutors. Examples of good communication and organisational skills are especially eye-catching.

The growth in student numbers over the past decade has meant that fewer applicants are interviewed and the many who match academic criteria will be sifted on their teachers' comments and the words in their own self portrait.

Jess Enderby, of Ucas, says the personal statement can be typed or hand-written, as long as it is clearly legible. "Quality rather than quantity is what is required. It is not necessary to fill the entire space. If you start to pad it out with superficial information, it becomes very noticeable," he says.

"Candidates need to include their motivation for wanting to study their chosen subject and what they intend to do with the qualification," he adds.

"They should say what they are doing at school, or elsewhere, in support of their subject interest and their aspirations, as well as any positions of responsibility, or any kind of project or achievement of which they are particularly proud."

Dr Enderby says: "If a candidate is not going to be interviewed, the personal statement is all the tutor has from them."

In many cases, if a candidate is invited to an interview they are very close to an offer of a place. Martin Godfrey, who interviews for the chemistry department at Southampton University, says: "The most important thing is to show you have got an enthusiasm for the subject and can give specific examples of things you have found interesting. Try not to look out of the window the whole time."

Dr Godfrey adds: "Your interest can be shown in a quiet way if it matches your character. You do not have to rabbit on for ages. We do not expect people to have their whole careers mapped out but we would look for evidence that applications are well-researched."

Dr Godfrey does not expect very formal dress but nothing too outrageous either. "I do not want 100 people who are clones of one another. People should show the personality they have."

Almost all candidates being considered by Cambridge are interviewed. Paul Harle, admissions tutor at St Catharine's, gives one golden tip: tell the truth. "We interviewed someone for modern languages who expressed a keen interest in French politics on her form. This was the time of the French elections but not only did she not know who the candidates were but she did not know whether Mitterrand was on the Left or Right. I would not have minded had she not expressed such a strong interest."

Tom Hynes, an admissions tutor at St John's College, says: "These interviews have to be conversations but some people are frightened to say anything. Some of the people who interview best are those whose travel arrangements have gone wrong. They have been so keen to get here there was not time to get nervous."

He adds: "Whether it is sport or drama, there has to be something other than study. But you want to see it under control; there should not be hundreds of things, none of which are done very well."

On the academic side, since ability is taken as read, Cambridge tutors look for potential to cope with the course. Applicants are likely to be asked questions which require their A-level knowledge to be applied in an unusual scenario.

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Start early, stay flexible and read the instructions

Central system aims to smooth admissions

The official deadline for applying to start a degree course this autumn passed almost five months ago. But inquiries are still flowing into the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas).

So flexible has the system become that in some subjects universities take students right up to the start of the academic year. In others, although courses are effectively full, admissions tutors will still try to squeeze in an outstanding candidate.

Academics' hands are tied to some extent by the Government's insistence that new intakes should remain frozen. Universities face financial penalties if they overshoot their targets.

The result has been an increasing reliance on clearing, the process which matches rejected applicants to vacant places in the month following the publication of A-level grades. That is where all applicants will end up if they do not submit forms by the end of next month.

In order to speed up the clearing operation this year, entry forms will be sent in mid-July to candidates who have been rejected by all their chosen universities. This should avoid the usual bottleneck when A-level grades are published in August and should be especially useful for those taking vocational qualifications, who get their results earlier.

However, most users of the *Good University Guide* will be considering an application for 1997. They have the rest of the year to study their options, although most like to finalise their choices well before the December 15 deadline.

Oxford and Cambridge have an earlier deadline of October 15 and applications are made to colleges, rather than the central universities. For all prospective students, however, the first step is to send for the Ucas handbook. Copies are sent to all secondary schools, colleges and public libraries, but are available direct from Ucas, PO Box 28,

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 3SA.

Candidates may apply to six universities and will be allowed to hold a maximum of two offers if they get that many. No offers are made before the autumn, but there may be some advantage in an early application to ensure maximum choice and to be at the top of the pile when admissions tutors begin sifting through.

From November onwards, admissions tutors will make conditional offers based on A-level points or vocational qualifications to those still to sit their examinations. Candidates normally have to decide which offers to hold by the beginning of May, but there is no rigid timetable.

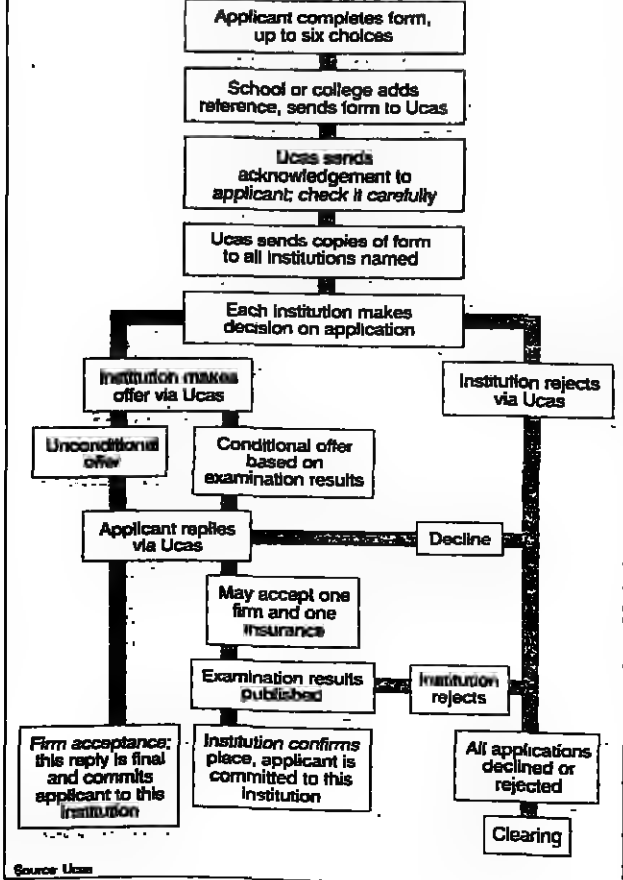
Others will either be made

firm offers of a place on the basis of existing qualifications, or be rejected and left with clearing. Those who miss the December deadline may still submit an application to Ucas, but universities are not obliged to give them equal consideration.

Successful candidates are advised to make the earliest possible application for a grant from their local education authority or the Scottish Education Department. Most degree courses entitle students to a mandatory award, as well as a student loan. The loan system has improved, but students have been kept waiting for both in previous years.

JOHN O'LEARY

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR APPLICATION



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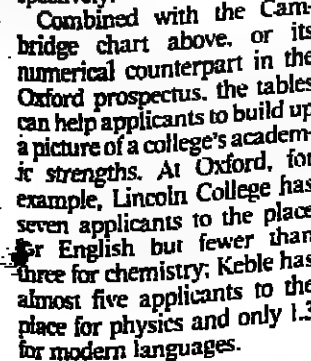
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Of course, those who apply to Oxbridge are more selected or self-

Then there is the issue of the reform of the admissions system. Both universities, but especially Oxford, appear to have been caught between trying to make themselves as accessible to as wide a market as possible, and turning their admis-

If you are of suitable academic calibre, feel you would be at home at the university and on the chosen course, and would receive your school's support, do not be overawed. You might just surprise yourself.

Cycling students in Cambridge: do not fall for the myth that all applicants to Oxbridge are geniuses



Subject	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Social Sciences					
Economics	782	7	175	6	23
Law	77	1	29	1	36
Land Economy	930	9	205	7	22
Political Science	374	4	101	3	27
Science and Technology					
Computer Science	254	2	85	2	29
Mathematics	458	4	218	7	47
Mathematics with Computer Science	56	1	12	-	21
Mathematics with Physics	84	1	26	7	1
Mathematics with Statistics	1,554	15	939	19	38
Natural Sciences	1,136	11	563	8	26
Plant Sciences	994	10	203	8	24
Plant Sciences with Biotechnology	518	5	75	2	14
Medical Sciences					
Veterinary Medicine					
Total	10,392	100	3,115	69	30

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Capitalisation, week's change

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Company	Price	Change	Yield	P/E
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES				
24.00 Guinness	547	+1.33		
5.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
BANKS				
10.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
BREWERY, PUBS & REST				
4.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
ELECTRICITY				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
BUILDING & CONSTRUCT				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
BUILDING MATERIALS				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
CHEMICALS				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
DISTRIBUTORS				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		

Company	Price	Change	Yield	P/E
ENGINEERING, VEHICLES				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
FOOD MANUFACTURERS				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
ELECTRONIC & ELECT				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
HEALTHCARE				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
HOUSEHOLD GOODS				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
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1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
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LONGS (over 15 years)				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
BRITISH FUNDS				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
OTHER FINANCIAL				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
RETAILERS, FOOD				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
RETAILERS, GENERAL				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
WATER				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		

Company	Price	Change	Yield	P/E
PHARMACEUTICALS				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
PRINTING & PAPER				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
MINING				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
LEISURE & HOTELS				
1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
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1.0000000000000000	547	+1.33		
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TODAY

Interims: Fenner, Kunick.
Finals: Anglo Pacific Resources, Foreign & Colonial Eurotrust.
Economic statistics: Producer prices (April).

TOMORROW

Interims: Allied Domecq, BOC Group, Diploma, Gartmore European Investment Trust, General Accident (first quarter), Jupiter European Investment Trust, Scottish Value Trust, Sedgwick Group (first quarter), UPF Group.
Finals: British & American Investment Trust, Edinburgh Investment Trust, Invesco Blue Chip, Westbury, South African Breweries.
Economic statistics: New construction orders (March), Bank of England quarterly inflation report.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Century Inns, Charles Sidney, Chemex International, Commercial Union (first quarter), Fidelity Japan OTC, Flextech (first quarter), Greenalls Group, Richards, Shaftesbury, Telewest (first quarter).
Finals: Appleby Westward, Argyll Group, the Bank of Ireland.
Economic statistics: Unemployment (April), average earnings (March), unit wage costs (March).

THURSDAY

Interims: Alvis, British Gas (first quarter), Burton Group, Compass Group, Concentric, Grand Metropolitan, Hanson, Overseas Investment Trust, Scottish Radio Holdings.
Finals: British Telecom, City of Oxford Investment Trust, Cox Insurance Holdings, Fine Art Developments, Greenway Holdings, Greycoat, Time Products.
Economic statistics: Retail prices (April).

FRIDAY

Interims: Bibby (J) & Sons, General Cable, Morgan Grenfell Equity Income Trust.
Finals: Barry, Birch & Noble, Celis International, Environmental Inv, First Ireland Investment, Foreign & Colonial German Investment Trust.
Economic statistics: PSBR (April).

COMPANIES

PHILIP PANGALOS



BT looks poised to ring up £3bn



Sir Iain Vallance, BT chairman, was unable to salvage the merger talks with Cable and Wireless

BRITISH TELECOM: Falling redundancy charges are expected to help the telecoms giant, which is headed by Sir Iain Vallance, to ring in a healthy performance that could see full-year profits approach the £3 billion mark.

BZW expects final pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, to climb to £2.96 billion (£2.66 billion), with a dividend of 18.7p (17.7p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £2.92 billion to £3.03 billion.

Analysts expect BT, which recently saw the breakdown of a possible £35 billion merger with Cable and Wireless, to see little underlying growth, with the majority of any profits increase likely to be driven by a reducing redundancy charge. However, with Ofcom, the industry regulator, staging roadshows across the UK to garner views on the level of future price caps on telecom services, the forthcoming price control review is all-important. Any information on regulatory relationships and likely dividend implications will be crucial.

ARGYLL GROUP: Healthy sales growth and reorganisation benefits should allow Argyll, the Salford supermarket group, to check in with another strong advance in full-year profits when it reports on Wednesday.

The benefits of the Salford 2000 reorganisation should help Argyll to overcome the worst effects of the recent "trolley wars". Supermarket groups have battled for market share, slashing prices on items ranging from petrol to bananas and baked beans in a bid to win customers.

Nick Bubb, of Mees Pierson, is looking for pre-tax profits to rise to £405 million (£375 million). A dividend of 13p (12p) is predicted. Market forecasts range from £400 million to £410 million.

ALLIED DOMECQ: The drinks group will unveil a poor set of interims tomorrow, reflecting weakness in the European spirits market and destocking in the United States. The company said in February that first-half pre-tax profits were expected to be down by about 20 per cent after difficult trading in its spirits business. Kleinwort Benson forecasts inter-

im pre-tax profits of £320 million. Market forecasts range from £315 million to £340 million, against £403 million last time before £17 million of exceptional gains. The market range for the dividend is 9.6p to 12.25p.

GRAND METROPOLITAN: Low spirit prices are also thought to have held back profits at GrandMet, whose other businesses span Pillsbury to Burger King. GrandMet said in February that it was trading in line with expectations, with volumes up at its Pillsbury and Burger

King businesses, while the IDV conglomerate will be on demerger plans, which involve Hanson splitting itself into four companies. The market will also be keen to hear what the group says about the integration of Eastern, the regional electricity group acquired last year for £2.5 billion.

Excluding Eastern, UBS, the broker, expects the downturn at Quantum to fuel an acceleration in the underlying rate of decline in Hanson's operating profits from 11 per cent in the first quarter to 14 per cent in the second quarter. Eastern is expect-

ed to chip in a £155 million profit contribution for the half year, while news is awaited on the status of generation deals. UBS expects Hanson's interim pre-tax profits to dip 4 per cent to £610 million. A 3p quarterly dividend is anticipated. Market forecasts range from £574 million to £610 million.

BOC GROUP: The industrial gases to healthcare group is tomorrow expected to lift first-half profits, but analysts fear that roaring growth in American gases may be slowing. The group gave warning with its first-quarter results that growth was slowing, and analysts think that the trend has continued. There is also some concern that vacuum operations could be hit by signs of a downturn in the US semiconductor market.

Philip Morrish, at Nikko Europe, the Japanese securities house, predicts first-quarter pre-tax profits of £115 million, giving £216 million (£194.8 million) for the half year. Forecasts range from £200 million to £220 million.

BRITISH GAS: A harsh winter and chilly spring are expected to boost Thursday's first-quarter figures from British Gas. The cold snap will have lifted exploration results and gas sales as well as income for TransCo, the pipeline operator, which today awaits a crucial regulatory review of its price regime. NatWest Securities is looking for first-quarter net income to climb 9 per cent to £658 million (£605 million). Market forecasts range from £620 million to £670 million.

BURTON GROUP: A strong improvement in sales and gross margins is expected to help the clothing retailer — owner of Debenhams department stores, the Top Shop/Top Man chain and Principles womenswear shops — to unveil a strong advance in first-half profits. Interim pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, are expected to climb to £87.5 million (£67 million), according to Mees Pierson. Market forecasts range from £74 million to £91 million.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Key pointers to growth

A busy week for trackers of the British economy begins today with the publication of April figures for industrial costs and prices. Producer input prices are expected to have risen by 0.4 per cent in the month, depressing the annual rate of growth to 2.3 per cent from 2.8 per cent. The rate of output price inflation is expected, according to the consensus of market forecasts compiled by MMS International, to have dropped to 3 per cent from 3.4 per cent. Core output prices, excluding food, drink and tobacco, are seen dropping to 2.9 per cent year-on-year compared with 3.4 per cent in March.

Probably the key event this week comes tomorrow with publication of the Bank of England's latest inflation report. This is expected broadly to echo the February report, which said that the odds were on meeting the Government's inflation target, but which still urged caution on monetary policy.

On Wednesday, April unemployment figures are expected to show a fall of 10,000, while March average earnings annual growth is predicted to be unchanged at 3.5 per cent. On Thursday, April retail price figures are due. The market is expecting headline inflation to fall to 2.4 per cent from 2.7 per cent in March, but the underlying rate to remain unchanged at 2.9 per cent. RPI-X, the measure which excludes mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes, is expected to edge lower to 2.5 per cent from 2.6 per cent. The last key British statistic of the week comes on Friday with the April public sector borrowing requirement. The MMS consensus is looking for a requirement of £3.1 billion.

Inflation is the key statistical theme around the world this week, with consumer prices data expected from America and France, among others. The markets will also be eagerly awaiting the figures on US retail sales tomorrow.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Allied Domecq, DCC, Flare Group, Racal; Hold Westminster Health Care. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Pearson, Kwik Save, Steel Burill Jones, Greycoat, Oriel; Avoid Memory Corporation. Independent on Sunday: Buy Beazer Homes, Videologic, Premiere Group; Avoid Boots; Sell Vaux. The Mail on Sunday: Buy ED & F Man; Hold Chiroscience.

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Goldstar of Korea set to invest £1bn in Wales

By IOLA SMITH

LUCKY GOLDSTAR, the South Korean electronics company, is poised to announce a £1 billion investment in South Wales, creating 4,000 jobs.

Details of the project, which would rank among the largest ever single inward investments in the UK, could be announced early this week.

LG has been looking for a site for a huge silicon chip manufacturing plant. After investigating sites in Scotland, the northeast of England, Ireland and at least three in Wales, the company is thought to have chosen Imperial Park in Newport.

The science park is a joint venture between Imperial College London and the Welsh Development Agency. The agency has enjoyed great success in attracting Asian investment in Wales, particularly from Japan, and earlier this year secured its first Korean investment when Halla unveiled a £17 million investment that will create 300 new jobs producing mechanical diggers and forklift trucks in Merthyr Tydfil.

LG's move would confirm Newport as the new Silicon Valley. QPL International Holdings of Hong Kong.

Europe's leading producer of silicon wafers, is already operating there. Since 1992 it has made four-inch and six-inch silicon chips within integrally printed circuits. Two months ago it announced a £230 million expansion programme, creating 768 new jobs. QPL will make an eight-inch silicon wafer with a much larger capacity.

Korean investment in Britain is set to increase after John Major's tour of the Far East in March. In South Korea, Mr Major spent several hours in bilateral talks with President Kim Young Sam before signing a number of important trade deals.

In a keynote address to the Federation of Korean Industries, Mr Major said there had been an enormous increase in economic ties between the two countries.

British exports to Korea in 1995 increased by 44 per cent and Korean exports to the UK increased 61 per cent. Two-way trade exceeded \$5 billion for the first time.

In October last year the Queen opened the new Samsung electronics complex in northeast England. Daewoo has doubled the capacity of its VCR plant in Northern Ireland.



Ed Wallis wrote a sharp protest letter to Ian Lang

Pressure on Wallis over veto challenge

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

POWERGEN, the generator whose bid for Midlands Electricity was vetoed by the Government, will decide in the next few days whether to mount a legal challenge.

But there may be doubt over whether it will go through with the action. Pressure on Ed Wallis, chief executive, to push for a judicial review will be intense following the company's aggressive reaction to the blocking of its bid for Midlands and that of National Power for Southern Electric.

Mr Wallis wrote a sharp protest letter to Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, while the company said that it might also halt the £450 million sale of power stations demanded by the industry's regulator.

However, there is some feeling in the City that Mr Wallis's blunt and forthright manner could be unsettling some investor confidence in PowerGen.

One analyst said that investors were keener to see a "plan B" from the generator rather than what may be perceived as antagonism with the Government.

PowerGen's board meets on Thursday, but a decision on a judicial review is likely before that. The company must also decide whether to sell its 21 per cent stake in Midlands Electricity to General Public Utilities and Cinergy, the two American groups that are now bidding for the regional company.

PowerGen stands to make a profit of £80 million on selling the holding.

The generator delivers its full-year results next week when it will be expected to outline further details of its action in the wake of its failed bid for Midlands.

Mr Wallis becomes chairman in July. Deryk King from ICI will take over the day-to-day running of the company.

Why bulls' suffering will come to an end

GILT-EDGED

It's been a tough year for bulls in the UK, and not just the bovine variety. While bulls in the gilt market have, fortunately, not faced slaughter, they have suffered as gilt prices have slumped.

Other European markets have either fallen less or succeeded in rising. However, while gilts may not yet have seen the worst, they could begin to recover lost ground later this year.

A popular explanation for the underperformance of gilts relative to other European markets is the plunge in the US Treasury market. Thus the widening in the yield spread between gilts and German bonds from 155 basis points (bp) to 180bp since the start of the year is seen as a reflection of the widening in the US Treasury-bond spread from 26 to 45bp.

Look to 1994 for a precedent for this. A similar sell-off in the Treasury market saw gilts underperform bonds, partly as the market's reaction to the UK economic cycle was closer to the US economic cycle than was Germany's.

However, this "transatlantic" view of gilts does not provide the full story of 1996. Gilts have failed to share in the sharp rally in the higher-yielding peripheral European markets, such as Italy, Spain and Sweden. This is in contrast to 1994, when these markets actually fared even worse than gilts.

The second part of the 1996 story is that gilts have failed to benefit from the German market's weakness and growing confidence in the progress towards European monetary union. The UK Government's opt-out on EMU has lumbered the gilt market with an opt-out on European bond yield convergence.

lagged behind even if the Government was a fully paid-up member of the EMU fan club. Domestic news, on inflation, on the budget and on the political front has simply failed to measure up to the news elsewhere.

Thus while inflation across Europe has been falling, the UK figures have been disappointing. Similarly, there has been speculation that UK public borrowing will overshoot its targets. The sight of the Government lurching from one crisis to another has fuelled uncertainty about the fiscal outlook both pre-election and post-election.

By contrast, the markets have grown more convinced that politicians elsewhere in Europe are determined to reduce budget deficits. New

tom out. Bundesbank officials have publicly subscribed to this view, and with good reason. The economy has yet to feel the full benefit of lower interest rates and a weaker currency. The fall in the trade-weighted value of the mark that has occurred this year alone, of around 24 per cent, will provide a stimulus roughly equivalent to a further 1 per cent off interest rates.

Comparisons between the UK and other European markets may become less unflattering in the autumn as pledges of fiscal austerity across Europe are put to the test. Achieving agreement on further budget cuts at a time of still-lacklustre growth will not be easy.

Although there may be few disappointments to come still on the inflation front (including this week's retail prices release), the domestic UK news may be turning the corner. The collapse in producer price inflation promises better inflation news, and lower interest rates towards the year-end. Although the fiscal outlook may not improve much, the gilt market will not be surprised by a modest upward revision to the Government's deficit projections.

Meanwhile, the political background can hardly get much worse. The Conservatives' opinion poll rating appears to have troughed, albeit at very low levels. This could be significant not just for its own sake, but also because it may encourage new Labour to sound, and become, more like a new Conservative Party.

Investors should thus view any further weakness in the gilt market in the next few weeks as a buying opportunity. Gilt market bulls may be feeling less sheepish by the year-end.

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Concern at smartcard privacy

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

PERSONAL information about each member of the population is stored on average on 200 business and government databases, according to a report into electronic smartcards published by Demos, the think-tank.

At present, there are 200,000 databases in the UK, with the number set to grow as smartcards, which are used in applications as diverse as phone-cards and supermarket loyalty cards, spreads. Smartcards can

help to cut costs and improve efficiency, but they are also increasingly providing businesses and the Government with detailed personal information. Demos says that smartcard providers must act quickly to address public fears over the security and privacy of the cards.

The worldwide market in smartcard technology is forecast to grow at an annual rate of 41 per cent and will be worth £1.3 billion by the year

2000. About 4,000 different smartcard schemes will be in operation worldwide by the end of the century.

Surveys have found around 80 per cent of the population is seriously worried about how the information collected by smartcards is being used. Fears of misuse are centred on organisations perceived as holding the greatest amount of private information, with people least inclined to provide personal details to banks,

utilities, financial services companies and the Government.

Demos argues that businesses have to date tended to dismiss the public's fears as an over-reaction.

It recommends changing data protection legislation to require data holders to seek the express permission of customers to hold personal data and providing data subjects with a right to erase irrelevant and excessive material.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

AIM list at 146 and still growing

THE Alternative Investment Market enjoyed another busy week as the latest batch of new companies took the number traded on AIM to 146, compared with just ten listed when the market started on June 19 last year.

Capitalisation stands at £3.06 billion, while £278 million has been raised since the market began. Among those due to join AIM this month

are Just Group, the cartoon characters company where a placing at 3p a share is expected to see a small premium of about 1p.

There is talk of strong support for a placing by Teather and Greenwood later this month for Mulberry, the leather goods company, and there has been interest in Thomas Potts, the printing company associated with

Nigel Wray, the entrepreneur who has a record of finding ventures with potential. A placing at 100p, accompanied with a 19-for-one bonus issue, effectively gives a placing price of 3p a share. Dealers report considerable interest and predict a substantial premium of about 3p over the 5p placing price.

Others due to join include Whitecross Group, the

London chain of dental practices; Carlbrooke Shipping, the Isle of Wight owner and manager of 14 ships; Feldens, the UK's largest supplier of farm tyres and wheels; and Tescom Software Systems Testing, an Israeli group providing testing solutions for software development projects.

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58	17	2.37	Almora Plc	43	6	2	65.30	Lux Factory	94	...
138	120	22.10	Active Imaging	121	25	200	1.45	London Town	26	...
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121	83	0.70	Autovox	95	475	122	74.00	Memory Corp	125	- 65
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120	68	18.20	Avon Care	120	...	32	...	235	156	17.00	Monmouth	235	...
61	58	1.08	Albany Trust	60	230	67	0.44	Multimedia	130	- 70
6	5	7.06	Ballymore	5	98	67	24.50	Multimedia	85	...
20	17	4.82	Barrs Hldgs	18	340	285	21.80	NHF Corp	290	...
48	43	3.35	Bellway	48	210	175	14.10	Nash (Wm)	200	+ 4
150	140	0.99	Bentley Ltd	145	...	3.0	...	359	335	10.60	Nash Cash	385	...
70	70	0.99	Bentley Ltd	70	385	200	8.90	Nelson Cobbold	385	+ 20
66	50	11.20	Bentley Hldgs	65	73	65	7.45	Nth Polym Wts	73	...
365	240	43.10	Bentley Hldgs	365	...	2.5	...	73	63	0.13	Nth Polym Wts	8	...
124	118	3.70	CA Cordis Hldgs	120	8	6	17.90	Nursing Home	116	...
120	116	0.96	CCI Hldgs	120	116	111	14.70	Old English Pub	120	...
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124	108	16.40	CI Comm (TV)	122	25.5	195	180	199	125	...	
85	62	8.53	Chemical Int	65	195	180	199	125	...	
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86	58	14.80	Country Sales	80	4.8	195	180	199	125	...	
83	70	3.04	Coley Shts Pl	83	8.0	195	180	199	125	...	
109	87	31.30	Cosco Int	87	195	180	199	125	...	
63	53	22.00	Crown Products	63	195	180	199	125	...	
210	152	13.70	CSS Management	208	3.7	126	31	3.19	CS Satellite	31	- 2
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76	60	11.80	Dynak	63	1	3	0.29	Shts Wts	4	...
137	98	12.80	Egypt	90	77.3	3	2	94.30	Southern Vects	68	...
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125	120	6.40	Euro Sales Fr	120	1	3	5.15	Southern Vects	91	- 15
185	75	5.80	Fal Publ	250	1	3	6.41	Stanton Fr	215	...
185	53	10.80	Falcon	65	1	3	21.70	Sunrise Rmks	215	...
183	170	35.70	Fed Inter	176	1	3	16.50	Sunrise Rmks	176	...
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26	24	88.00	Freemantle	24	23.4	1	3	4.34	Telco Cred Wts	106	...
120	93	6.00	Furlong Homes	120	1	3	2.99	Ton Hoskins	53	...
9	8	25.40	Gander Hldgs	8	1	3	7.00	Unit Auctions	393	...
22	15	4.40	Greenfields	18	1	3	14.90	Vassall's Gap	19	...
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41	28	2.34	Hanson	23	1	3	14.90	Vassall's Gap	19	...
133	120	58.00	Hiscox Ind Int	130	1	3	14.90	Vassall's Gap	19	...
80	70	43.50	HS Dunblair	70	1	3	14.90	Vassall's Gap	19	...
122	105	12.20	Islet Radio	122	1	3	14.90	Vassall's Gap	19	...
86	85	14.70	Imer Workings	88	1	3	14.90	Vassall's Gap	19	...
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103	83	3.80	Jamari	88	1	3	14.90	Vassall's Gap	19	...
317	280	23.40	Jennings Bros	317	1	3	14.90	Vassall's Gap	19	...
125	103	43.50	KS Dunblair	115	1	3	14.90	Vassall's Gap	19	...
180	15	...	La Senza	160	1	3	14.90	Vassall's Gap	19	...
180	17	27.10	Lancashire En	150	1	3	14.90	Vassall's Gap	19	...
210	130	15.30	Lampson	200	1	3	14.90	Vassall's Gap	19	...
2750	2500	44.80	Laurie Group	2500	1	3	14.90	Vassall's Gap	19	...
205	255	44.80	La Riches Sacs	270	1	3	14.90	Vassall's Gap	19	...

Good news for Gwent. Barring last-minute hitches, Korea's Lucky Goldstar plans a £1 billion investment to make silicon chips near Newport that could create 4,000 new jobs. This is something to celebrate. Expansive Korean companies take a longer view than shrinking British ones, so a new generation can hope for greater security than its parents. It is a fair bet, however, that few of the new full-time jobs will be for over-45s, even fewer for over-50s, scarcely any for over-55s.

How different when there is bad news on jobs. Ten days ago, Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance proposed a merger that will end about 4,000 British jobs. Attempts will be made to minimise any compulsory redundancy, presumably by the time-honoured method of offering early retirement. A senior union official noted with relief that there was a good spread of over-50s at both companies. Pensioning off the over-50s is the civilised thing to do. Some would doubtless love to go.

Old jobs go and new jobs come. But there is a mismatch. Apart from part-time and casual work, most new jobs generally go to the young. Older employees, especially junior managers, are usually the first to go when jobs have to be culled.

There are reasons for this. For companies with final-salary pension schemes, hiring older employees can be extremely expensive. Young workers can be started on lower wages too. Recruiters also have a

Fiftysomethings founder in realists' labour pool



are still a dozen calls to retire judges, bishops, sports or arts administrators earlier because they are out of touch; for middle-aged managers to make way for younger people; for ageing local councillors to be swept aside. It was always thus.

Today, a serious new attempt will be launched to stem the tide. Eighteen leading employers, including British Airways, BT, Sainsbury and the Post Office will come together in the Employers Forum on Age. As many a lawn-mowing redundant fiftysomething may recall, some of these have conducted their own mass culls of milking executives deemed to be near the end of

their useful working lives. But there is nothing like the zeal of a convert. The Institute of Management has already called for age discrimination to be banned in job advertising. Calculating how costly it is to pension skilled people off early may carry more influence.

Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England who, oddly, chairs the forum, argues that culls of over-50s have given them the impression that they are seen as dispensable and less valuable than younger employees. He says: "There is a danger that these attitudes will become entrenched and that British business will suffer."

In reality, they have been entrenched in business for as long as the drive to make industry leaner and fitter and for as long as the American doctrine of down-sizing, whose high priest is now belatedly recanting. The economy as a whole is suffering.

As the CBI's Director-General, Mr Davies led the cheers for official retirement ages to be equalised upward at 65, just as reality was rushing headlong in the opposite direction. That move will raise the supply of older workers without any

increase in demand. A flexible labour market requires a large pool of unemployed, according to the Bank of England among others. Increasing numbers of older workers will be swimming in it.

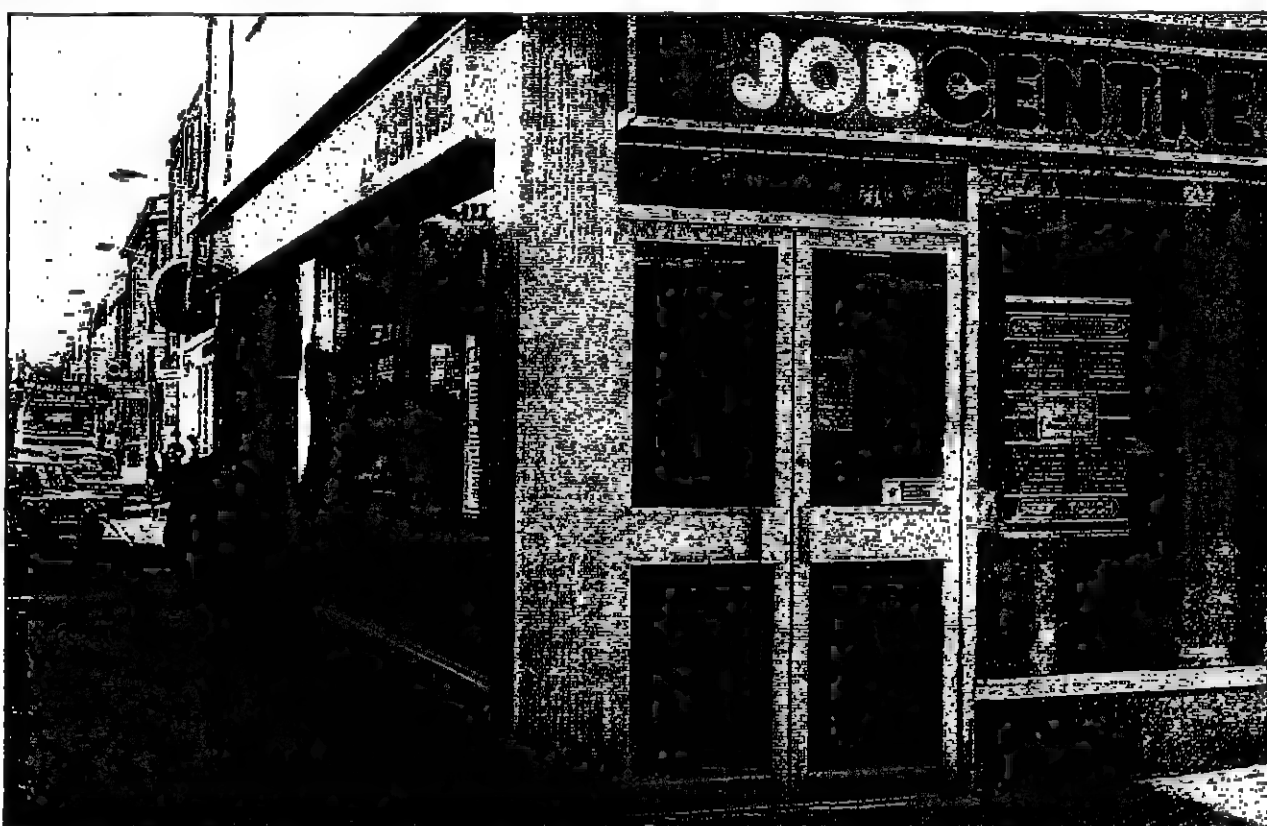
Even more will be in unplanned early retirement. That can be attractive but ensures that pensioners will, on average, have lower incomes and less free capital than has been assumed by projecting the growth of pension schemes. They will form a new generation of genteel poor. As last week's proposals on long-term care show, however, governments plan to load more financial commitments on the retired than they expected. That applies whichever party is in power. But fewer pensioners will be able to afford it.

Bridging the wide divide needs far more than a modest change of attitude among senior industrialists. Unemployment or relative poverty among older people is an inevitable consequence of the new economic realism in which Kenneth Clarke and Tony Blair so blithely agree that lifetime employment is dead.

The more regularly jobs come and go, the more certainly older workers will lose out in the process, whatever the final tally of jobs lost versus those created. Only if job losses are stemmed will older workers be able to make their full contribution. That is a far bigger issue for the nation's finances than the ageing of the population. Without it, state finances will grow ever tighter and taxation creep ever higher.

Welfare shorn of its sacred cows

Alasdair Murray says Australia's approach could be the model for our creaking social security system



An estimated 20 per cent of the workforce has endured a period of unemployment in the past four years

The cost of Britain's welfare state stands at £55 billion and is rising. The numbers dependent on state benefits have doubled over the past 17 years from one in 12 of the population to one in six, while incomes for the poorest tenth have fallen by about 17 per cent in real terms.

Increasing job insecurity means that more people each year are experiencing hardship, with an estimated 20 per cent of the workforce enduring a period of unemployment in the past four years. Not surprisingly the future of the welfare state is emerging as a major electoral issue, with Labour insisting that only it can be trusted to conduct serious reform. The Conservatives will emphasise their record in controlling the spiralling social security budget.

But underneath the party posturing there is agreement that Britain's creaking welfare system is in dire need of overhaul. A number of sweeping visions for reform have been put forward in recent years, from the revival of friendly societies to the cre-

ation of a "citizen's income", a universal allowance for every member of the population. The ideas are imaginative, but lack a costing or serious legislative framework.

Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security spokesman, began to set out his party's reform objectives in a speech to the Institute for Public Policy Research last week, in which he emphasised that a Labour government would set out to spend less on welfare and that it was keen to employ public and private provision as part of its strategy.

The public will have to await the publication of a series of policy papers to discover how these philosophical goals might be met. But a number of the Labour Party's ideas are already up and running in Australia, which both Mr Smith and Tony Blair have visited recently.

The Australian welfare system was constructed, like its British counterpart, around the model of a single wage-earning household needing temporary relief from short-term unemployment. But demographic and economic change have largely made the model redundant and the Australian Labor Party spent its 13 years in office trying to adapt the system to new realities.

The reforms were targeted at removing the welfare disincentive to take low-paid or part-time jobs. The Government argued that the crux of the problem was not unemployment but underemployment. It emerged that jobseekers were reluctant to take opportunities in short-term or part-time employment because of benefit withdrawals. The Australians were also deter-

mined to alleviate benefit anomalies caused by the increasing entry of women into the labour market.

But there is another good reason why Mr Blair's Labour Party has found the Australian model attractive. The Australian Labor Party was determined to make the process cost neutral and was prepared to trade-off better benefits for the lowest income groups with tighter benefit targeting.

The jury is still out on whether the reforms will ultimately save money. But the plans have achieved a remarkable degree of political consensus, with the incoming right-wing Liberal Government insisting it will preserve the benefits system intact. The few reforms the Liberals have proposed, including a tax-break to encourage mothers to stay at home, are simply tinkering at the edges.

Britain's Labour Party has made approving noises about the newly introduced Australian pensions system. Australia had a long-established non-contributory system but the country was keen to expand provision without incurring crippling costs. The solution was a new contributory system, funded by employees, employers and the Government. The scheme was sold as

an "investment in the future", with the Government offering to match employees' 3 per cent contribution in lieu of a tax cut, while employers pay up to 9 per cent of the wage.

The new system was backed by tax breaks, while the non-contributory pension was preserved as a safety net for non-workers. The result is that Australia has increased pension provision from 40 to 90 per cent of the population but is confident that government can bear the costs.

The main aim behind the overhaul in the rest of the welfare system has been to encourage the unemployed back to work, even if it is part-time or casual employment, while providing better protection to the lowest-paid. *The Working Nation* paper, published in 1994, concentrated on introducing a phased withdrawal of benefit to break the benefit trap.

The "underemployed" can now earn up to £30 a fortnight without losing any benefit. They are also entitled to accumulate this fortnightly credit when they are not working, to a maximum of £250, so, for instance, there is an incentive to take seasonal employment. Beyond the credit zone, benefit claimants lose 50p for every

hour they work beyond the £30 limit. The Australians believe the scheme provides an incentive to work without offering a direct subsidy to employers to take on only low-paid labour. The cost trade-off is tougher criteria for claimants, with benefit payments dependent on fulfilling job-hunting criteria.

The second major thrust of the reforms is to redesign the system to encourage women to work by removing their dependent status. The partner allowance, aimed at women under 40, assesses each potential wage-earner independently, allowing women to start working before damaging their partner's income support claims. The partner allowance, meanwhile, was designed to improve work incentives for low-wage couples with children and give mothers, in particular, the opportunity to enter the workforce. It is paid to the main child-carer, whether the mother or the father, and is only withdrawn gradually as income rises, again encouraging even part-time work.

The Australian Government was determined to prove there were no sacred cows in the welfare system and took the controversial step of means-testing family allowance. Labour will note, after last week's public arguments, that the reforms also excluded over-16s from child benefit, although there is a separate means-tested education grant available. The result is that about 65 per cent of assistance is directed at families earning less than £200 a week, with the average payment £105 a week. But around 80 per cent of all families still receive some assistance.

Most of the reforms have only been in place less than a year. There is some concern that the system has become overly complicated, with the result that many potential claimants are deprived of their benefits. But there is a confidence, absent from the debate in this country, that Australia has in place an effective welfare system that it will be able to finance in the future.

The country's unemployment rate is similar to that in the UK, while the demographic patterns are also comparable. Yet Australia's total tax take is the second lowest in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. It is a record either political party in the UK would be happy to claim.

RADIO CHOICE

A portrait in boiling oils

Picasso's Women, Radio 3, 9.15pm.

A non-stop tirade by the painter's first wife, Olga, launches Brian McAvoy's four self-revealing monologues by women who played key roles in Picasso's life. The least scornful charge she brings against him is that musically, he couldn't follow two bars — unless he was walking from one to the other. Then she really turns up the heat. He had "all the affection of a buzz-saw". He was a "libidinous dwarf". He was "a waste of space". Even in death, there is no escape for Pablo Picasso. She swears from beyond the grave that she will find him even if she has to break down the gates of Hell, and inflict unspeakable punishment on him. As Olga, Barbara Flynn constantly tops up her reservoir of venom.

Book at Bedtime: Next of Kin, Radio 4, 10.45pm.

The colours Joanna Trollope mixes in her new novel are darker than usual. Even the one trace of humour in episode one is of the graveyard variety. As a woman's body is lowered into the grave, it starts raining and her brother-in-law opens up an umbrella. It bears judge by what little I have heard of Robin Ellis's reading of it, is strong on family tensions and dairy farming. There are some telling portraits, including that of the widower's mother. She habitually surveys her son in a calm and curious way as if she could never quite remember who he was. Peter Daville

RADIO 1

PM Stereo, 4.00pm Charlie Jordan 6.30
Chris Evans 8.00 Simon Mayo 12.00
Lisa Farnon 2.00pm Nicky Campbell
4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Evening Session
8.00 In Concert 9.00 The 10.00
Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo, 6.00 Martin Kelner 6.15
Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to
Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30
Kon Buco 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm
Debbie Thompson 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.00
John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30
Dance Band Days 8.00 Big Ben Era and
at 8.30 Big Ben Special 8.00 Hum-
phrey Lyttelton 10.00 Unsung Heroes
With David Jacobs (3/6) 10.30 The
Jazzmen 12.05pm Steve Macdonald 3.00
Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00pm Morning Reports, incl 5.45
Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast
Programme 6.55, 7.55 racing preview
8.35 The Magazine, incl 10.35 News
from Europe 11.30 Food News 12.00
Midday with Mike, incl 12.35pm Money-
check, and at 1.15 Entertainment News
2.05 Ruscoe on Five, incl at 3.05
Actually 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00
Jazz Roundtable 4.15pm 5.45 Entertain-
ment News 7.00 News Extra 7.35
Double Hit: Tonight Barry Norman talks
to Nid Landa 8.05 Parkinson on Sport
9.05 Today at Ten (2/6) 9.25 On the
Job 10.05 News Talk 11.05 Night Extra
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
12.05pm The Other Side of Midnight
2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chel-
heim 1.00pm Anna, Resum 3.00
Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deasy 7.00
Sport 10.00 James White 1.00pm Ian
Collins

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, includes Vivaldi
(Violin Concerto in D minor,
Op 4 No 7); Kodaly (Suite
for Strings); Spohr (Violin
Sonata in minor, Op
65); Glazunov (Grande valse
de concert, Op 41); Dowland
(A selection of songs); Ravel
(Don Quixote, a ballet)
8.00 Morning Collection with
Paul Gambaccini, includes
Supra (Overture, Light
Cavalry); Frank Martin (Quatre
hansons, 1931)
10.00 Musical Encounters
Charles Medlam and William
Hunt, viola, da gamba
Richard Egarr, harpsichord
from Artists of the Week:
London Baroque perform
Bach (Viola da Gamba
Sonata in D, BWV 1028)
10.15 Dvorak (The Water
Goblin); Graupner (Cantata
Mein Herz schwimmt im Blut);
Mozart (Overture to The
K.213) 11.00 Schubert (Piano
Sonata in C, D840, Reliquie);
Chausson (Symphony in B flat)
12.00 Composer of the Week
Claire Sotomayor, Potpourri
in E flat, Op 1 No 1; Capriccio
en forme de valse; Souvenir
de Vienne; Piano Trio in G
minor, Op 17
1.00pm BBC Lunchtime
Concert, live from St John's,
Smith Square, London.
Barbara Bonney, soprano,
and Malcolm Martens,
piano, Robert Schumann
(Widmung; Der Nussbaum;
Mignon); Clara Schumann
(Six Songs, Op 13); Anna
Mahler (In meines Vaters
Garten; Ekstase, Der
Erkennende); Gustav Mahler
(Friedensfeier;
Erinnerung; Ich ging mit Mut)

RADIO 4

5.55pm Shipping Forecast (LW
only) 6.00am News Briefing
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today
Incl 7.25, 8.25 Sports News
7.45 Thought for the Day
8.40 Beyond the Millennium
(5/6) 8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week
Melvyn Gregg is joined by
Minnie Minn, A.S. Byatt,
John Pigg, Steve Jones and
James Hurd
10.00 News (FM only)
Extracts from the explorer
David Livingstone's diary and
also that of his personal
physician John Kirk (3/6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Scepter'd Isle (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Money Box Live 0171-580
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12.00 You and Yours, with Chris
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12.25pm Counterpoint. The final of
the general knowledge music
quiz 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (1.55
Shipping
2.00 News, Cutting Edge, Tom
Georgeson stars as jazz
loving DJ Charlie Rensick in
John Harvey's dramatisation
of his own novel (1/2) 3.00
The Afternoon Show
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.
Lynne Walker sees Sibohan
Devist company perform in
Blackpool and this year's
Mobil Special Prize play, The
Mist, is staged at
Manchester's Royal Exchange
Theatre
4.45 Short Story, Dad, Mum,
Paula and Tom, by Alan
Beard, Read by Dexter
Fletcher

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
6.00 6.05 O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz (1)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (1)
7.45 The Monday Play: The
Ghost Sonata, by August
Strindberg. Translated by
Michael Meyer, starring Frank
Finlay, Dorothy Tulin and
Frederick Traves. A ghastly
tale of seduction, murder,
obsession and betrayal (1)
9.15 This Must Be the Place. The
story of the village of Milton
Keynes which became a new
town. Nick Baker captures
archive footage from the time
(4/6)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (1) 9.59
10.00 The World Tonight, with
Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Next of
Kin, by Carol Shields
11.00 Tinseltown About (FM
only). Peter Tinseltown
catches up with four of his
schoolies from the class of
1947 (4/4) (1)
11.00 Education Matters (LW)
11.30 Babblebrook Hall (FM only).
An 18th-century sketch
written by Scott Cherry,
starring Nicholas La Preston,
Wen Farnes Mason, David
Andros and Sam Kelly (2/6)
(1)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00 News Inc 12.27pm approx
Weather
12.30 The Lull Book: The Stone
Theatre, by Alan Joseph
and read by Shelley
Thompson (1/10) (1)
12.45 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As 2.
World Service

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90.2. RADIO 3, FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4, FM 92.4-94.8. LW 94.8. MW
720. RADIO 5 LIVE, MW 655.5. WORLD SERVICE, MW 645. LW 105.8;
198 (12.45-5.55pm). CLASSIC FM, FM 100.9. VIRGIN RADIO, FM
105.8. MW 1197. 1215. TALK RADIO UK, MW 1053, 1089. Television
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Ostriches airborne

BRITISH AIRWAYS is tempting the faded palates of airline travellers with the gamey taste of ostrich meat. From July, ostrich steaks supplied by Australia's largest big bird farm, will be among the dishes on offer to first class passengers on North American flights. According to BA: "Ostrich is the new trendy food on dinner tables because it's low in fat and cholesterol. The hunt is now on for more exotic and unusual chef's specials."

Knotty problem

HOWARD DAVIES and John Kemp-Welch were in

fighting form at the Scottish annual conference of the London Stock Exchange in Glasgow last week. The LSE chairman stood out as the only attendee in black tie, since dinner invitations stated "dress attire: lounge suits". Tactful as ever, the Bank of England deputy governor commented: "How democratic of the LSE to allow a waiter to sit at the top of the table in order to balance out the numbers." Kemp-Welch, who is a director of the Savoy, put his blunder down to the London hotel's rigid dress code.

Tuning in

ADVERTISING agency Bates Dorland could have a number one hit on its hands

after today's launch of the music that accompanies the latest Land Rover TV commercial. Within weeks of the advertisement for the Discovery model appearing, telephone lines were jammed at the agency's HQ with viewers on the hunt for that "haunting" soundtrack. Instead of turning to golden oldies, Bates Dorland commissioned musician Peter Lawlor, who says he drew his inspiration from wandering the streets of York.

Hard lines

RAILTRACK executives are signalling for tougher employees — ones who can cope with the stress of profit centres and shareholder demands. None too confident

that their existing culture can adapt to forthcoming upheavals, Railtrack is putting job applicants through psychometric tests to examine whether they're likely to cope with the extra pressure.

SIR Alistair Grant, who retires as chairman of super-market group Argill next March, has a busy time ahead. Between dusting his collection of *fortior hats*, Sir Alistair plans to write the foreword to a new *Trolope Society* publication, and has the taxing task of completing his libretto for a new work by composer Peter Maxwell-Davies on the *Jacobite Rebellion*.

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This male beauty contest is an ugly spectacle

This week Britain's leading airline buyer issued a warning to ITV. The new Saturday night show *Man O' Man*, made by Anglia, will "fly like a plane", they said, presumably meaning that this noble instrument would launch itself over a cliff, flap its lid rather feebly, and then plummet downwards, bouncing and breaking against solid rock, with loud "boing" and "boom" noises. Two weeks into *Man O' Man*, it is too soon to assess the viewing figures. But as prime-time Saturday prole entertainment, it is as awful as you could expect. It is more like a Yamaha organ launched over a cliff, but otherwise the analogy holds quite nicely.

Man O' Man is fronted by Chris Tarrant, and the idea is this. On a set designed to look like a nightclub with plastic palm trees and pink waterfalls, an ersatz hen night is in full swing. Three hundred

women, in their best frocks, cheer and stomp like an embryonic Dionysian riot while Tarrant introduces ten would-be ideal men on stage, for the audience to ogle, assess, and cruelly eliminate. Each contestant simmers to the camera some pre-rehearsed smoochy line such as "I wanna be your man o' man," in a manner that, alas, few would confuse with sincerity. However, they choose quite novel methods of commending themselves. John Paul's ambition in life is to get his teeth fixed. Brian is a housing officer who wants to host *Supermarket Sweep*. Mark describes himself in terms of a toilet roll: "soft, strong and cute as a puppy" — which is clever until you remember that lavatory paper also has a habit of running out in an emergency.

Being squeamish about such shows marks me as a fuddy-duddy, but I don't care. I don't like *Blind Date* much; *Confessions*

makes me weep. *O tempora, o mores*, that's my kind of thing. The only good thing about *Man O' Man* is the charity of the audience, who generally cheer the blokes in their various preening endearments, and refrain from hurling cocktail umbrellas even when the three finalists are revealed ("Take off those dressing gowns!") to have concave chests, body hair like Wolf Man, and legs like spaghetti. I'm sure these ten good sports are equipped with titanium self-esteem, and will not require counselling for their public humiliation. But reverse the sexes, and this show would be completely unacceptable, if not (I hope) illegal.

A rather more sophisticated exploration of the mystery of attraction was at the heart of Saturday night's stunningly good *Screen Two Captives* (BBC2), beautifully directed by Angela Pope, in which Tim Roth

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

and Julia Ormond met in startlingly unpropitious circumstances yet managed to fall in love. *Captives* sounded like a gimmick idea — beautiful lady dentist succumbs to rough prison inmate, and has sex in a lavatory — but Frank Deasy's script took no easy options, the story was real and involving, and both these characters had a perfectly expressed emotional life which could encompass need, ob-

session, and watery-eyed hurt.

Set against the usual, clang-bolt clichés of prison drama, *Captives* was so fresh and subtle it single-handedly restored one's faith in television drama. Ormond was a complex woman, a competent professional but a betrayed wife, whose dentist husband (a pushy Peter Capaldi) complained that their marriage had been "like living in a bubble". Being ripped asunder from him — both husband and partner — she now visibly flapping at the edges. Had she been played by someone less exquisite than Ormond, the character would have been even more fascinating. "My husband had an affair," she told Roth. "She was very beautiful, apparently."

And so she turned to forbidden love with an inmate, for a variety of convincing but unstated reasons. "I'm afraid it's me using him," she told her best friend, Meanwhile Roth had the very

difficult job of being enigmatic but still sincere, while we waited to find out that (Oh not that!) he had murdered his wife in a fit of rage. Both actors gave brilliant performances. Ormond has been compared in America with Audrey Hepburn and Julia Roberts, but personally, I see bizarre flashes of Andie MacDowell — bizarre, because this is an Andie MacDowell who can act.

Last week I rather dodged my duty to *No Bananas* (BBC1). It was unprofessional and I apologise, but good grief, this sort of banal but respectable costume drama spews out of the telly like tickertape, as if no one has the ability to switch it off.

The *No Bananas* machine has gone infernal again, sir? "No."

"Yes."

"You mean...?"

"Yes! Another three episodes came

out before we remembered to pull out the plug!"

"Damn! Damn that *No Bananas* machine! And we thought it would be such a boon to mankind as well!"

Actually, whenever I start to write about *No Bananas* my fingers grow leaden on the keys, and my metaphor slumps to a virtual standstill. I don't blame anybody in particular. Alison Steadman is good; and the chap who plays her nice husband is lovely. But *No Bananas* feels like one of those children's invented stories in which things happen, and happen, and happen, and none of it challenges your imagination. The larky negative title doesn't help much, either. Surely it's a bad idea to title a television series after a cheerful acceptance of death, which is also (when you break it down into its component parts) a neat combination of nothing and stodge.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (31110)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (CeeFax) (52868)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (445771)

9.20 Style Counsel (763232) 9.45 Killy (s) (595787) 10.20 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (51232)

12.00 News (CeeFax) and weather (1870042)
12.05 Call My Bluff (s) (518574) 12.35pm Going for Gold (s) (450234)

1.00 News and weather (55958)
1.30 Regional News and weather (6279868)
1.40 Neighbours (CeeFax) (s) (6821048)

2.00 FILM: Columbus: By Dawn's Early Light (1974) with Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan. The perfect crime is hatched at Haymarr Military Academy. Directed by Harvey Hart (CeeFax) (88874)

3.30 Playdays (s) (2539313) 3.50 Bodger and Badger (s) (1262226) 4.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (s) (6629435) 4.10 Fudge (CeeFax) (s) (5971874) 4.35 FOT (CeeFax) (s) (2908058) 5.00 Newsworld (CeeFax) (7350950) 5.10 Blue Peter (CeeFax) (s) (813697)

5.30 Neighbours (s) (CeeFax) (s) (604981)
6.00 News (CeeFax) and weather (581)
6.30 Regional News magazines (313)
7.00 That's Showbusiness. Celebrity show-business quiz (2674)

7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck. Toyah Wilcox continues her reports on complementary treatments with a look at diets of a Chinese remedy for eczema. Plus a report on the damage low-fat diets can cause to children (CeeFax) (s) (597)

8.00 EastEnders. The Fowlers are all set for an emotional reunion (CeeFax) (s) (5394)
8.30 The Liver Birds. Beryl and Sandra share a bottle of wine and make some surprising revelations (CeeFax) (s) (7329)
9.00 News (CeeFax); regional news and weather (5139)

9.30 Panorama. The moving story of Thomas Crendon, who was born with severe brain damage which left him blind, deaf and unable to swallow, and his parents' decision to ask the High Court to allow him to die (CeeFax) (213416)

10.10 Film 96 with Barry Norman. The week's films to be reviewed include *Primal Fear*, a courtroom drama with Richard Gere; action adventure film *Executive Decision* with Kurt Russell; and *Money Train*, with Wesley Snipes and the controversial kids (CeeFax) (s) (230885) NLL: 10.10 Room for Improvement

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1.40am Weather (3137820)

VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes
The numbers next to each TV programme listing are Video PlusCodes — numbers which allow you to programme your VCR to record "exactly with a VideoPlus+" handset. Tap in the Video PlusCode for the programme you wish to record. VideoPlus+ PlusCodes are a service of the Video PlusCodes of Gemstar Development Ltd.

7.00am News (7319442) 8.25 Top Gear (4458394) 8.30am News (52868) 9.00am Press View (961145) 9.20am Love Connection (763232) 9.45am Oprah Winfrey (595787) 10.20am Good Morning with Anne and Nick (51232) 11.00am The 11th Hour (518574) 12.35pm Going for Gold (s) (450234) 1.00pm News (55958) 1.30pm Regional News (6279868) 1.40pm Neighbours (6821048) 2.00pm FILM: Columbus: By Dawn's Early Light (1974) with Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan. The perfect crime is hatched at Haymarr Military Academy. Directed by Harvey Hart (88874) 3.30pm Playdays (2539313) 3.50pm Bodger and Badger (1262226) 4.00pm Alvin and the Chipmunks (6629435) 4.10pm Fudge (5971874) 4.35pm FOT (2908058) 5.00pm Newsworld (7350950) 5.10pm Blue Peter (813697) 5.30pm Neighbours (604981) 6.00pm News (581) 6.30pm Regional News (313) 7.00pm That's Showbusiness. Celebrity show-business quiz (2674) 7.30pm Watchdog Healthcheck. Toyah Wilcox continues her reports on complementary treatments with a look at diets of a Chinese remedy for eczema. Plus a report on the damage low-fat diets can cause to children (597) 8.00pm EastEnders. The Fowlers are all set for an emotional reunion (5394) 8.30pm The Liver Birds. Beryl and Sandra share a bottle of wine and make some surprising revelations (7329) 9.00pm News (5139); regional news and weather (5139) 9.30pm Panorama. The moving story of Thomas Crendon, who was born with severe brain damage which left him blind, deaf and unable to swallow, and his parents' decision to ask the High Court to allow him to die (213416) 10.10pm Film 96 with Barry Norman. The week's films to be reviewed include *Primal Fear*, a courtroom drama with Richard Gere; action adventure film *Executive Decision* with Kurt Russell; and *Money Train*, with Wesley Snipes and the controversial kids (230885) NLL: 10.10 Room for Improvement 10.40pm Omnibus: Eve Arnold in Retrospect (283435) NLL: 10.40 Film 96 11.10pm Omnibus 12.05pm FILM: The Muffs 2.10 Weather 11.40pm FILM: The Muffs (1981, b/w). Classic western drama which was to be the last film for both Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe. A divorcee searching for the meaning of life falls for a handsome cowboy. Their relationship is put to the test when he begins to round up wild horses and she is forced to choose between the man she loves and her compassion for horses. Directed by John Huston (857077) 1.40am Weather (3137820)

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6.00am Open University: Engineering Mechanics (7215232) 6.25 Industrial Change (3858508)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4542400)
7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (s) (CeeFax) (33661) 8.00 Blue Peter (s) (CeeFax) (s) (13348) 8.30 Song of Praise (s) (CeeFax) (s) (5366348)

9.05 Daytime on Two: Zig Zag (4451884)
9.25 Movable Feasts (8864597) 9.40 Le Cafe des Reves (1382067) 10.00 Playdays (2298435) 10.25 Hitch Hike House (2236634) 10.45 Look and Read Special (1495023) 11.05 Zig Zag: An African Country (3886077) 11.25 Revista (9463961) 11.40 Geography (8677329) 12.05pm History Collection (7076771) 12.30 Working Lunch (44708) 1.00 History File (65991042) 1.20 Landmarks — Tudors and Stuarts (8507505) 1.45 Storytime (62872145) 2.00 Bruno (s) (4742655)

2.10 FILM: Stones for Ibbens (1968) with Glenn Close and Keith Carradine. A drama about a couple searching for their heritage in a small Mexican village. Directed by Jack Gold (847396) 3.55 News (CeeFax) and weather (658042)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (226) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (1110) 5.00 Esther (s) (7752) 5.30 The Weekend Kitchen and Garden (s) (CeeFax) (590)

6.00 FILM: Sam Whiskey (1969) with Burl Ives and Angie Dickinson. Gambler Sam Whiskey is hired to carry out an ingenious robbery in reverse. Directed by Arnold Laven (s) (14522416)

7.35 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w). Biko declines a chance to see the musical *My Fair Lady* (s) (448881)

8.00 In the Blood: Last Tribes (s) (562325) 8.30 Building Sights: Canary Wharf (CeeFax) (s) (296400)

9.00 The X-Files. When a team of geophysicists stationed at a remote Alaskan outpost are killed by a psychotic, alien form, Mulder and Scully are called in to investigate (s) (CeeFax) (s) (795874)

9.45 This Life. Warren falls in love, but when his romance turns sour he makes the decision not to live a lie. Meanwhile, Milly and O'Donnell are becoming increasingly close at work (CeeFax) (s) (604139)

10.10 Newsnight (CeeFax) (727990)

11.15 Guerrilla TV. Dan O'Brien explores the uses of the camcorder, and discovers it is being used for far more than just recording holidays and weddings (s) (163602)

11.45 Holiday Outings: Colorado Skiing (s) (862935)

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6.00am GMTV (311354) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (CeeFax) (7545022) 9.55 Regional News (CeeFax) (212684)

10.00 The Time...the Place (s) (6510961) 10.35 This Morning (50679955)

12.20pm Regional News (CeeFax) (1876226)
12.30 News and weather (CeeFax) (4601619)

12.55 Shortland Street (s) (4508110) 1.25 Coronation Street (s) (CeeFax) (1995961) 2.00 Home and Away (CeeFax) (s) (1980787) 2.25 Designed by Emanuel (19776394) 2.50 Garden Calendar (CeeFax) (2488503)

3.20 News headlines (CeeFax) (7994058)
3.25 Regional News (CeeFax) (7993230)

3.30 Caribou Kitchen (s) (1887459) 3.40 Tots TV (s) (1251110) 3.50 Old Bear Stories (7287495) 4.05 Taz-Mania (CeeFax) (s) (5855077) 4.25 Tiny Toon Adventures (CeeFax) (s) (5886537) 4.50 The Big Bang (CeeFax) (s) (2382226)

5.10 The List (7987771)
5.40 News and weather (CeeFax) (357684)

6.00 Home and Away (s) (CeeFax) (s) (600706)

6.25 HTV News (CeeFax) (940049)
6.50 Let's Go (301226)

7.00 Tonight with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. The series launches with an interview with C.J. Simpson (4042)

7.30 Coronation Street. Beryl begins to get her feet under the Rover's living-room table (CeeFax) (665)

8.00 World in Action (CeeFax) (s) (1042)

8.30 Take Your Pick. Des O'Connor is back with the show where contestants agonise over whether to "take the money" or "open the box" (CeeFax) (6597)

9.00 Brownell. Robert's old friend returns to London with a new wife and half his age. Robert and Eleanor become suspicious when they see his mysterious beauty (CeeFax) (s) (4708)

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10.40 West of England Business of the Year Awards. New series of the local business competition (400431)

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12.10 Bushell on the Box (s) (4772714)

12.40 The Big Match — Replayed (4742817)
1.30 FILM: Satisfaction (1989) with Justine Bateman, Liam Neeson and Tini Turner. An ambitious rock group get their big break when a 1960s songwriter books them to play at his beach house. Directed by Joan Feener (890545)

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Barings chiefs to tell how Leeson went undetected



Tuckey: bonus hopes

By ROBERT MILLER

THE four most senior executives running Barings at the time of the \$1.4 billion crash are set to give the first public account of how and why they failed to detect Nick Leeson's fraudulent trading. On Wednesday, members of the Commons Treasury Select Committee will quiz Peter Baring, former chairman of the merchant bank, Andrew Tuckey, his deputy, Peter Norris, the chief executive officer and Geoffrey Barnett, previously chief operating officer, over their failure to prevent one of the biggest banking frauds ever.

The MPs, headed by Sir Tom Arnold, are also expected to press the four executives for details of their salaries and bonuses which were based largely

on Leeson's purported success on Far East money markets.

Of the four, only Mr Barnett has been exonerated after an investigation by the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA). As a result of the inquiry Mr Barnett agreed never to work in the City again and Mr Tuckey agreed to play a restricted role. Last week Mr Norris was suspended from senior SFA registers for three years with £10,000 costs. Clive Betts, committee member and Labour MP for Sheffield Attercliffe, said: "We want to know who was supposed to be in control of the bank and who was responsible for failing to spot that something was terribly wrong. Was it negligence or incompetence, or was it a case of turning a blind eye? We will also be

asking the directors whether they actually benefited financially from the fraudulent trading profits."

The MPs are expected to question Mr Tuckey on his position as a consultant with ING, the Dutch banking and insurance group that bought Barings. Last year, soon after the Barings crash, Mr Tuckey resigned. He was subsequently taken on again by ING Barings as a corporate finance consultant working on large deals, such as the £6 billion Lloyds Bank takeover of TSB. As a result of these successes Mr Tuckey was reported to be in line for bonus-enhanced remuneration of up to £500,000.

At the end of March this year, ING Barings let it be known that Mr Tuckey, 52, had retired on an annual

pension of around £120,000 plus a retainer of about £10,000. In 1993 Mr Baring was paid a salary of £212,000 plus a profit share of £1 million and a £30,000 pension contribution. The next highest paid director, believed to be Mr Tuckey, earned £237,000 salary, a bonus of £1.4 million and a pension contribution of £34,000.

The Treasury Committee, which is conducting its own inquiry, will also question the four on the apparent discrepancies between the two official reports by the Singapore authorities and the independent Board of Banking Supervision. The bank's management were criticised in both investigations but the Singapore report accused the Barings executives of "institutional incompetence."



Baring: no City job

Jump in interest rates predicted

By MARTIN BARROW

BASE rates could leap to 8% per cent by the end of next year as monetary authorities counter a resurgence in inflation, a City economist says today.

A vigorous recovery in consumer confidence, boosted by a series of cash windfalls and faster wage growth will prompt the Bank of England to urge a significant tightening of monetary policy.

As a result, base rates could rise sharply from the present level of 6 per cent and the first act of a new government may be to order an unpopular increase in the cost of borrowing, said Richard Jeffrey, group economist at Charterhouse.

Said Mr Jeffrey: "We continue to believe that the Chancellor will be forced to acquiesce to higher base rates later this year and that they will rise substantially higher next year, whoever wins the election." In spite of this, Charterhouse still believes that the possibility exists of a sharp rise in inflation in the second half of 1997.

Mr Jeffrey expects consumer spending — up 2.3 per cent in 1995 — to rise 3.2 per cent this year and 4.1 per cent in 1997. Consumer confidence will be underpinned by tax cuts, an improving housing market, and building society windfalls takeovers and floatations. "If our forecasts prove correct, the consumer will never have had it so good; at least, not in the 1990s," said Mr Jeffrey.

Charterhouse believes that the Government will achieve its inflation target of 2% per cent by the next election. However, faster wage growth and rising commodity prices are expected to push it to 4% per cent by the end of 1997. Mr Jeffrey has forecast, with pressure on retail prices building up in the second half of next year.

Consumer demand will also fuel faster growth in output, according to Charterhouse, with GDP rising 3.2 per cent this year and 3.6 per cent in 1997, against actual growth of just 2.5 per cent for 1995.

Michael Hephner, formerly group managing director of British Telecom, is to become chief executive of Charterhouse, it was confirmed yesterday. Mr Hephner, who takes up his post on July 1, was chairman and chief executive of Lloyds Abbey Life, the insurance group, before joining BT.

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Top firms back older employees

LEADING employers today launch a campaign to ban age discrimination amid warnings about the cost of releasing older staff.

A collection of 18 top organisations — including British Airways, British Telecom, Marks & Spencer and Sainsbury's — have joined together to form the Employers Forum on Age.

The group gave warning that firms were realising the cost of making older workers redundant — in early retirement payments as well as the loss of experience and reliability.

Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England and chairman of the forum, said that many employers had simply removed employees aged 50 or more from their staff as a way of cutting their workforce.

He said: "Older employees have thus got the message that they are seen as dispensable and less valuable than younger employees."

The forum reported that a B&Q store in Macclesfield, Cheshire, staffed entirely by older staff, was 18 per cent more profitable than other stores, and that workers in their 20s at WH Smith are four times as likely to leave as older colleagues.

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Strike ballot prompted by pay and conditions package

Post chief offers more cash

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE chief executive of the Post Office today urges postal workers to reject strike action in a ballot starting this morning and offers the prospect of more money in new talks with the main postal union to avert the Post Office's first national strike of the 1990s.

The call from John Roberts comes ahead of an announcement by the Government this week of plans for new investment in the Post Office's expanding counters business.

Voting on the first national Post Office strike since 1988 begins today in a ballot over pay, productivity, hours and working practices. Leaders of the Communication Workers' Union, who are recommending strike action, are confident that the traditionally loyal postal members of the CWU will vote for action.

But in advance of the vote, Mr Roberts, chief executive of the Post Office, has appealed to the CWU's 140,000 members being balloted to reject a strike. Speaking to *The Times*, he said: "My message to our employees today is to look very carefully at this issue. We are prepared to do more in the negotiations — and put more money on the table."

He criticised the CWU for moving to a strike ballot before negotiations had been

concluded, saying: "It is irresponsible for the union to walk away in this way." He attacked the union for what he calls the stark wording of the simple question on today's ballot paper — "Are you prepared to take part in industrial action consisting of a strike?" — for failing to provide union members with full details of the issue in dispute.

In a complex package called Employee Agenda, the Royal Mail is proposing changes in working practices and pay, offering to draw together allowances and other payments in a move which the Post Office says will lead to 15 per cent pay rises for some staff, plus shorter hours, a job security guarantee and productivity payments in return for changed working patterns, including teamworking. CWU leaders say 30 per cent of postal workers affected will lose money under the proposals.

Mr Roberts says a dispute is avoidable "if we can get the union back, really sorting out and listening to what we can put forward."

The Post Office leader will describe the dispute as a great pity when he speaks today to the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters annual conference in Eastbourne. He will praise the performance of Post Office Counters — the one part of the Post Office given some greater commercial freedom by the Government last year and which claim that its success, which will include a declaration of profits next month, underlines the Post



John Roberts said management is prepared to do more in the negotiations and to put more money on the table

Office's contention that it can be given greater freedom within the public sector.

Support for the Post Office will be given by the Government when Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, addresses the same conference on Wednesday. Mr Lilley is expected to announce which of three companies will win a £1.5 billion contract to autom-

ate 20,000 Post Office counters to allow the payment of social security benefits by computer.

But hopes of a settlement of the dispute before any strike action were underlined yesterday when the CWU echoed the call for more talks, although neither the union nor the Royal Mail is likely to make any move until the result of the strike ballot is declared at the

union's annual conference in Blackpool on June 2.

Alan Johnson, CWU joint general secretary, said the union was willing to talk, but he insisted that the conditions put on the working practices package by the Royal Mail were "unacceptable". Speaking on GMTV, he told the Post Office: "Drop your unacceptable conditions in relation to the way of

working proposals, and let's talk about a meaningful improvement in the terms and conditions of our members."

Mr Johnson, a key trade union supporter of Tony Blair, the Labour leader, not only denied that a dispute in the Post Office would be embarrassing for Labour, but went further, urging Labour to keep out of any dispute.

Lucas restructures pension fund

By PHILIP PANGALOS

THE Lucas Pension Scheme, which controls £3 billion of assets, has completed a radical restructuring of its pension fund, involving a substantial reduction in its exposure to UK equities.

In the largest transaction of its kind undertaken in the UK pensions market, Lucas Pensions Investment Management has reshaped the fund's asset structure, involving a build-up in overseas equities, particularly in emerging markets.

Alan Rubenstein, a director of Lucas Pensions Investment Management, said: "One of our major aims was to increase our emerging market exposure, where we expect continuing strong growth correlation with developed markets. We believe this will enhance re-

turns and reduce volatility, thus improving members' security."

Overseas equities formerly represented only 6 per cent of the portfolio. Now 20 per cent is invested in developed overseas markets and a further 10 per cent in emerging markets.

A series of trades was carried out over March, April and May by Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs. Morgan Stanley acted as transaction co-ordinator.

However, the pension fund was unable to complete the proposed reduction of a 6.11 per cent shareholding in Lucas Industries itself. This was put off for the time being because of concern that it would have coincided with speculation surrounding Lucas.

British Gas holds key to price peace

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

COMPETITION in domestic gas and the connection of millions of households who do not yet have gas could be at risk if British Gas rejects today's pricing reviews.

A stand-off between the two sides appears inevitable as Ofgas, the industry watchdog, gears up to impose sweeping price controls that will trim British Gas's revenue by about £300 million and shave about £25 a year from individual gas bills.

Last-minute talks between Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, and Transco, the pipeline business of British Gas which will face new price curbs next year, are thought to have failed to breach a huge impasse between the two. Transco is claiming that suffi-

cient investment in pipeline safety, maintenance and expansion, will not be possible under the Ofgas proposals. This could jeopardise the smooth operation of competition in household gas, set for nationwide introduction by 1998 and reduce the chances of 4 million more homes having gas. It is thought Transco would be unlikely to commit itself to new investment if it felt it was not getting a commercial rate of return. Large parts of Scotland, East Anglia, the South West and Kent and Sussex are without gas.

Ian Powe, of the Gas Consumers Council, said: "We don't know what is coming but alarm bells are ringing at British Gas."

Protest planned at Shell meeting

By CLARE STEWART

PROTESTORS threaten to disrupt Shell's annual shareholders' meeting this week as the oil group faces renewed criticism over its activities in Nigeria.

PIRC, the corporate governance consultancy, is urging shareholders to reject the report and accounts in order "to demonstrate concern over the company's policies in Nigeria."

Shell has come under fire over its environmental record in areas such as Ogoniland as well as for its relationship with Nigeria's military Government under General Sani Abacha. International protests against the country's ruling regime came to a head



Jennings: facing disruption

last October with the trial and execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the Ogoni leader.

Shell's annual meeting takes place on Wednesday at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre in

Westminster. In a document circulated last week to its clients, PIRC urged them to reject the report and accounts because, it says, "we have serious reservations about the Shell Group's policies in relation to the environment and human rights as set out in the report and accounts and we do not consider its response to shareholder concerns has been adequate to date."

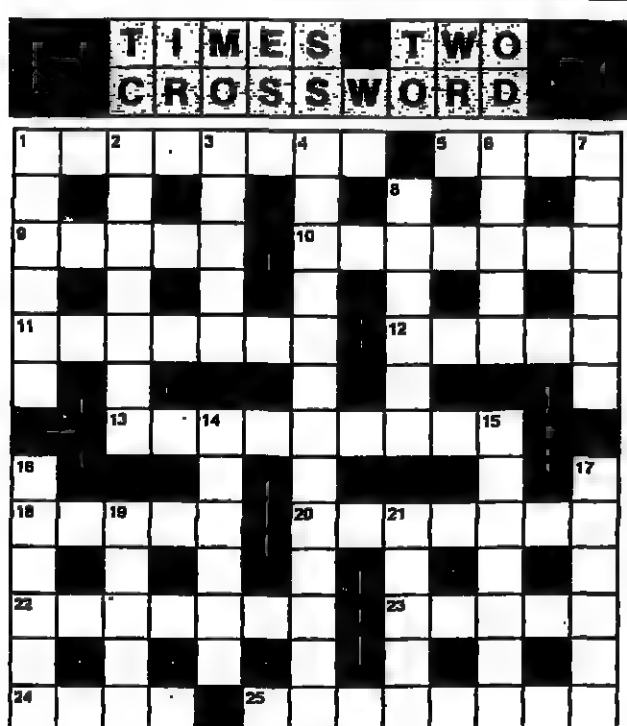
Voting against the accounts will also mean rejecting the proposed dividend. "It is outrageous that Shell can bundle two issues together," says Alan MacDougall, joint managing director of PIRC.

Just a day before PIRC sent out its report, Shell proposed a plan of action in Ogoniland, to clear the way to its resuming oil production in the area. The priority, says Shell, is to clean up all spills made since 1993, when it pulled out, and to make safe its facilities.

It also promises to restart community initiatives and look at new projects such as youth training and healthcare in the region.

"These proposals demonstrate our commitment to reconciliation," says Brian Anderson, managing director of Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria. "It is vital we have the support of the communities in which we work."

Shell Transport and Trading, whose chairman is John Jennings, said it had not received any shareholder resolutions regarding its activities in Nigeria.



No 780

ACROSS

- 1 Killing a person (5)
- 5 Unit of hospital, constituency (4)
- 9 Sir Douglas —, WW2 flying hero (5)
- 10 Drake's Drum author (7)
- 11 US state, capital Phoenix (7)
- 12 Lees (5)
- 13 Be chosen, approved (3,3,3)
- 18 Present for acceptance (5)
- 20 London actors' club (7)
- 22 Literary pseudonym (3,4)
- 23 Tramps waited for him (8)
- 24 Manchester suburb; low-price event (4)
- 25 Traitor (8)

DOWN

- 1,16 Unlawful imprisonment remedy (6,6)
- 2 Far from the — Crowd (Hardy) (7)
- 3 Ship's payload (5)
- 4 Care of one's teeth (6,7)
- 6 Dwelling place (5)
- 7 Loathe (6)
- 8 European country, blue/yellow flag (6)
- 14 A menace (6)
- 15 Remove wet slowly (from garment) (4-3)
- 16 See 1 down
- 17 Ice-rink user (6)
- 19 Ultimate (5)
- 21 Radio acknowledgment (5)

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Hezbollah attacks spark fresh raids and anger at Peres

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

RIGHT-WING Israeli opposition parties branded Operation Grapes of Wrath, the Labour Government's 17-day military onslaught on Lebanon, a failure yesterday as Iranian-backed Hezbollah fighters wounded five Israeli soldiers in two attacks in occupied southern Lebanon.

They were the first Jewish casualties since the Washington-brokered ceasefire ended the recent round of Middle East fighting.

Within hours of the attacks, Israeli and South Lebanon Army artillery pounded Hezbollah targets north of the security zone and Israeli warplanes were back in action for the first time since the ceasefire, firing rockets in two runs over suspected Hezbollah bases in the Mleeta hills in the mountainous Iqlim al-Toufah area.

With just over two weeks to go until voting in Israel's bitterly contested general election, the resumption of violence along the last active Arab-Israeli war front appears likely to become a central issue.

The right-wing parties had previously castigated Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister — who has a narrow lead in the opinion polls — for allegedly caving in to international criticism and ending the operation, in which more than 160 Arabs — most of them civilians — were killed, too soon.

The main right-wing opposition Likud Party issued a statement which disregarded the fact that the ceasefire secured by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, did not rule out terrorist attacks on Israeli troops in the nine-mile-wide occupied "security zone" in southern Lebanon.

It said the attacks, in which three officers and two enlisted men were wounded, proved Mr Peres's "failure in the Grapes of Wrath Operation". One of those hurt, a major,



Netanyahu: offering greater security

was said to be in a serious condition.

Likud's leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, a former Israeli commando, is running only five points behind Mr Peres. The party's main platform is to offer Israelis more security. The statement added: "Peres has said that the understandings with Hezbollah (The Party of God) would last until the elections. The reality is different."

Former General Rafael Eitan, Israel's Chief of Staff at the time of the ill-fated 1982 invasion of Lebanon, whose

ultra-nationalist Tsomet party is running in an electoral alliance with the Likud, said yesterday's attacks on a mobile patrol and military outpost proved that the ceasefire agreement had given Hezbollah "the edge" over Israeli troops in Lebanon.

The attacks shocked many Israelis who had hoped that there would be a limited period of calm on the frontline between Lebanon and northern Israel. They highlighted the fragile nature of the ceasefire secured by Mr Christopher after his week-long mission last month.

Under the document, to which no signatures were attached, Hezbollah and Israel agreed not to attack civilian targets. But Israel retained the right to respond in "self defence" if its soldiers were attacked inside the occupied buffer zone which they patrol along with their client force, the South Lebanon Army, whose troops were attacked twice last week by Hezbollah, who killed one man.

Similar retaliatory attacks to those yesterday, in which Lebanese civilians were allegedly killed earlier this year, prompted Hezbollah to fire Katyusha rockets into Israel's northern towns and villages. That sparked off the tit-for-tat of violence which swiftly became Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Many Israeli hardliners criticised the Government for not backing up its aerial and artillery offensive with ground attacks up to the banks of the Litani River, about 12 miles from Israel's vulnerable northern border.

Uri Dromi, the chief Israeli Government spokesman, warned that Israeli forces would take all "necessary action" against Hezbollah terrorists, without spelling out what that could entail. Political commentators said Mr Peres would be under heavy pressure to take more concerted military action against Hezbollah if Jewish casualties continued to mount.



Medical teams evacuate wounded troops after one of yesterday's Hezbollah onslaughts. Israel responded with artillery and jet attacks

Hariri insists peace with Israel is inevitable

FROM MICHAEL THODOULOU IN BEIRUT

DESPITE the Hezbollah attack on Israeli forces in southern Lebanon yesterday and Israeli warplanes flying over Beirut for the first time since last month's ceasefire, Rafik Hariri, the Lebanese Prime Minister, insisted that peace between his country and Israel was "inevitable".

However, he said: "Israel has to make a tremendous effort, several times more than before the last aggression to convince the Lebanese they really want peace." He added: "There is no other choice."

Mr Hariri, a self-made billionaire who has invested heavily in Lebanon's reconstruction, will today urge Malcol Rifkind and other European foreign ministers in Brussels to be-

come more involved in the Middle East to complement American peace efforts. "We're not trying to play the game between Europe and the US," he said. "What we will do is ask Europe to play more of a role in the region. Lebanon and Europe are vitally connected in many ways. If there is pollution off Beirut for instance, its effects will be felt in Italy."

He was confident that an international committee being established to monitor last month's ceasefire would work. "No one wants an escalation now," said Mr Hariri, 50, in the relaxed atmosphere of the Kordeh Palace, his three-storey sandstone residence in central west Beirut.

Yesterday's violence did not violate the terms of last month's ceasefire because neither side targeted civilians, but it emphasised the fragility of the

agreement and increased the pressure on Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, in the run-up to elections at the end of the month.

Mr Hariri implied that their outcome would make little difference to Lebanon: "From what Peres says, he is committed to peace, but made war. [Benjamin] Netanyahu is talking about peace in his own way. The Lebanese people are asking what can Likud do more than the Labour Party did to them."

The Lebanese Prime Minister insisted that Hezbollah could only be neutralised if Israeli forces withdrew from southern Lebanon and was adamant that the Lebanese Army could then guarantee security along Israel's northern border. "The Israeli occupation gives Hezbollah political cover to operate as an armed group,"

he said. "Last month's [Israeli] aggression made Hezbollah stronger. Israel announced with their big military machine they would destroy Hezbollah and they failed."

There was a triumphant tone in the Hezbollah camp after the first Israeli casualties. "One Israeli truck was completely destroyed and a tank damaged," a spokesman in Beirut said. "All the Israelis on the patrol were injured. Our fighters showered them with bullets and rockets."

Asked if he would ever deliver his conciliatory message to the Israelis in Jerusalem, Mr Hariri laughed: "They can see me on CNN. They don't need to see my face." He added: "The Israelis have to show they are really committed to peace. Ask them to withdraw from my country. Don't ask me to go to the Knesset."

Gibraltar voters grow weary of 'autocratic' chief

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN GIBRALTAR

GIBRALTAR could have a government more conciliatory to Spain within days as Joe Bossano, the colony's independent-minded Chief Minister, faces the prospect of an election defeat.

Polls predict that voters on Thursday could hand a narrow victory to the Gibraltar Social Democrats, spurning Mr Bossano's Gibraltar Socialist Labour Party for the first time since 1988.

Disillusionment with Mr Bossano appears to have reached beyond the middle classes, who have usually opposed him, and spread to many working-class Gibraltarians. Many have grown weary of the Chief Minister's confrontational style, which has soured relations with the Foreign Office, and complain that he rules Gibraltar like an autocrat.

Mr Bossano has also suffered from criticism over the smuggling of tobacco by fast launch to Spain. Although he clamped down on the illegal trade in July last year, ordinary Gibraltarians were dismayed by their government's failure to act more quickly. Yet it would be an error to



Phoolan Devi, the "Bandit Queen", arrives in Delhi to take her seat as P. V. Narasimha Rao greets new MPs

Leaders unite to thwart Hindu zealots

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA inched closer towards the formation of a centre-left government last night as leading politicians united behind a drive to stop Hindu extremists taking power. The Congress Party, mauling in last week's election but still big enough to be kingmaker, looks set to participate in a fragile new partnership.

P.V. Narasimha Rao, the outgoing Prime Minister, faces a leadership challenge soon after a new government takes office. His party's governing body yesterday decided against raising the leadership question for the time being to focus on stopping the hardline Bharatiya

Janata Party (BJP) from forming a government. The BJP, the largest party in the new parliament, is a pariah because of its anti-Muslim record, although it presented a moderate image for the election to capture middle-of-the-road Hindu votes.

Among the new MPs is Phoolan Devi, the "Bandit Queen", a former gang leader and alleged multiple killer. She captured the impoverished Mirzapur constituency in the centre of the Hindi heartland in a vote that represented a rise in the tide of low-caste political power.

Mr Rao was unanimously re-elected parliamentary leader last night, with dissidents saving their challenge for another day. The National Front-Left Front alliance of parties, which looks likely to take power, dropped its objection to doing any deal with Congress while Mr Rao was leader. The alliance regards him as the discredited leader of a corrupt government.

This concession, made on the understanding that Mr Rao would face an early leadership challenge, cleared the way for a pact.

The National Front-Left Front hopes to be in a position to go to President Sharma today to try to prove it can command a parliamentary

majority with support from Congress. With Congress's backing it would command a solid parliamentary majority, while the BJP and its few small allies remain substantially short of a majority.

Jyoti Basu, the Communist Chief Minister of West Bengal, and a leading contender for Prime Minister, met President Sharma on Saturday to stake a claim to power on behalf of the National Front-Left Front. He was given 48 hours to prove his majority.

The President's decision on who will be invited to form the government is likely to be made after parliament assembles this week.

Girl sues school over race quota

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

FOR more than 360 years Boston Latin has been a glittering symbol for American education but the school, which spawned Benjamin Franklin, Joseph Kennedy and Leonard Bernstein is now at the centre of an acrimonious national debate over affirmative action.

At its heart is Julia McLaughlin, the 13-year-old daughter of an alumnus who is suing Boston for turning her away from the gates of America's oldest school because she is white. Founded on a British model by the city's settlers in 1635, Boston Latin requires that its pupils endure a stringent admissions examination. Under a court ruling more than 20 years ago, however, the city requires that 35 per cent of the school's 2,300 places be reserved for blacks and Hispanics.

Although Ms McLaughlin, who sat the exam last year, achieved better results than 149 of her peers who were accepted by the school, she was rejected because of the required minority quota.

"She lives in this city. She had the grades and the scores. She deserves to be there," said Michael McLaughlin, her father who is handling the suit from his legal practice in Boston. The case has become a

cause célèbre in a city that became a symbol for white resistance to school desegregation in the 1970s. Ironically, Judge Arthur Garrity, who was vilified by Boston's white community for introducing minority quotas in 1974 and ensuring that black and white children were sent to desegregated schools far from their homes, is handling the McLaughlin suit.

Judge Garrity has indicated that he may order that Ms McLaughlin be admitted to Boston Latin next year.

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THEATRE

A hit at long last

SOMEWHERE in the Nevada Desert Eli Wallach is being honest with a journalist — from *The Manchester Guardian*, no less. The year is 1960 and the shooting of *The Misfits* (starring Marilyn Monroe, Clark Gable, Montgomery Clift and Wallach, screenplay by Arthur Miller, directed by John Huston) is about to go 40 days over schedule. Wallach says: "I've worked with drunks, pill-poppers, manic depressives and Tennessee Williams — and this film takes the biscuit."

The shoot was famously dreadful: Gable had only a few weeks to live. Clift and Monroe were burning themselves out. Miller appears to have spent every day sourly watching his wife fluff the lines he had sat up every night rewriting. The completed film was poorly received, but it quickly acquired legendary status because of the stars, the crises of its making, and because it finally wrecked the Monroe-Miller marriage.

These events certainly provide riveting material for Alex Finlayson's play at the Royal Exchange (a world premiere sponsored by Manchester airport). In her sequences of mostly short, always telling scenes, the insanity of working

Misfits Manchester

with these hugely paid, fanatically adored neurotics comes clearly across.

Over and above that I am not sure what her scenes do tell us. The film was nowhere near being a masterpiece, even if Gable's performance is said to have been his finest, so the play cannot usefully contrast the disorder of creation with the serenity of what it achieved. The screaming rows between Monroe and Miller supplement the details provided in his own *After the Fall*, but, though their conflict is a major element in the story, it is by no means the only one.

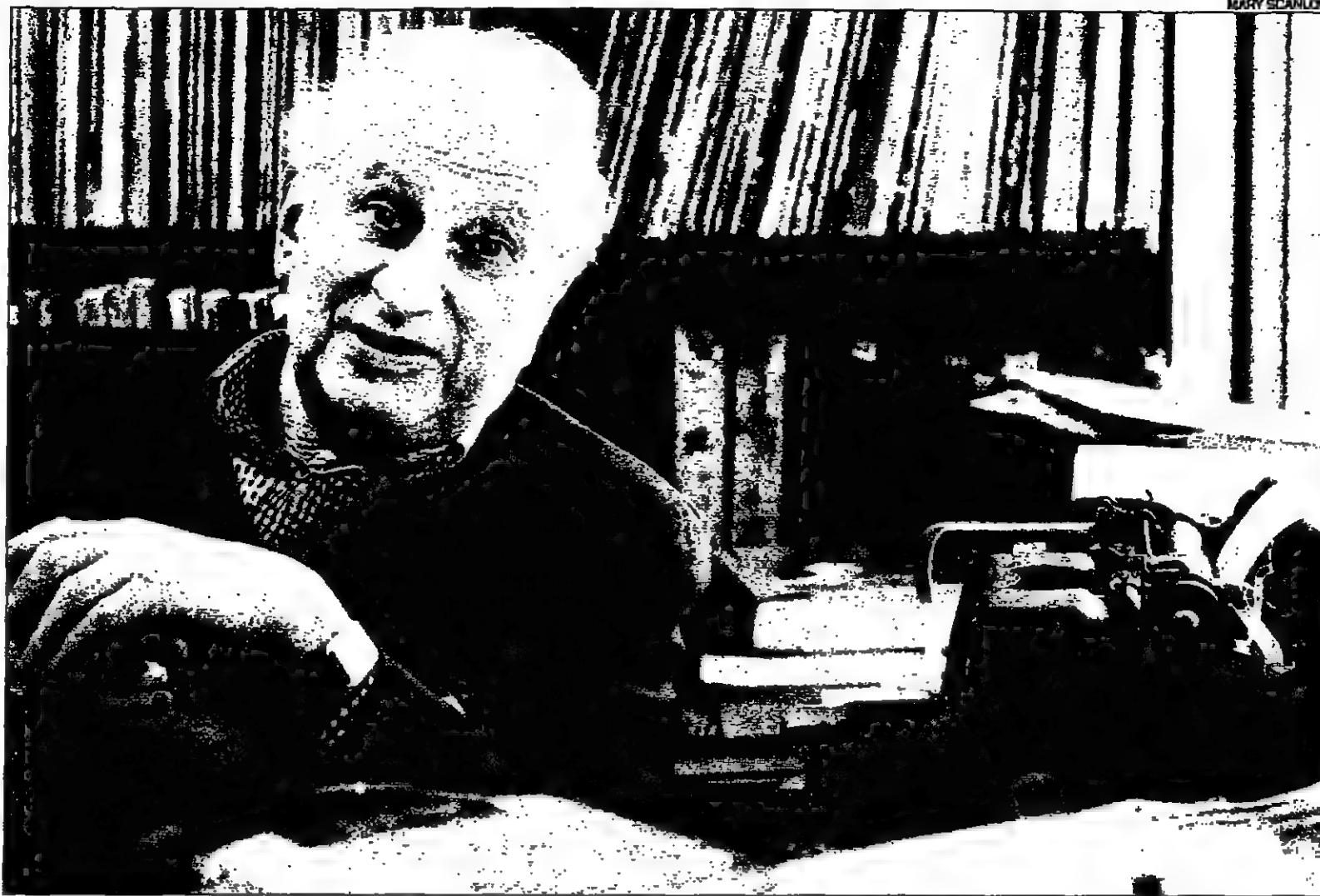
Monroe herself, luminously played by Lisa Eichhorn, is the spine of the play: it opens with her discovering the desert, enthusing upon its emptiness with child-like delight, and speaking in a husky, breathy voice that is a remarkable recreation of the original. The play ends with another emptiness, this time a deserted sound-stage, where Christian Burgess's Miller watches her walk out of his life and the lights go off one by one.

But if Finlayson's play is approached as being a look behind the scenes in Movieland, she presents us with fascinating glimpses and numerous crisply witty lines. She creates dialogue appropriate to the eight real and variously well-known characters, and Gregory Hersov's cast bring them to vivid life: Ray Lomen's tolerant, battered Gable; Stephen Yardley's wary, action-man Huston; Paola Dionisotti's Paula Strasberg (Marilyn's possibly baleful guru); Hersov's handling of the pace, breadth and tone of the scenes is sure and inventive. At the end the audience clapped for a long time.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Ann Scanlon meets Studs Terkel — writer, broadcaster and great oral historian of the American Way

Storyteller of the 20th century



"Attached and detached: being there and not being there": the Studs Terkel interviewing method that has served him pretty well for decades

Studs Terkel, Mr Chicago to his fellow citizens, is one of the greatest chroniclers of American life in the 20th century. Over the past three decades he has written eight oral history books which have given hundreds of men and women the opportunity to express their views on everything from the Great Depression to daily issues like work and race.

His latest book is called *Coming of Age: The Story of Our Century by Those Who've Lived It*. "I got the idea for the book from an old guy," he says. "He pushed me against the wall and said: 'You're not moving until you agree to do your next book and I'll tell you what it's going to be about: people like you and me, scrapers who want to change this world. What have we got to lose?'"

In an age of marketing, where the one-eyed jack of youth is king, it is refreshing to read about the lives, hopes and dreams of people aged between 70 and 99, people who, Terkel feels, are "a reservoir of untapped power and new astonishments".

Throughout his work, Terkel has been instinctively drawn to the old man mourning for his lost neighbourhood: the disillusioned youth who once believed that the Garden of Eden was at the other end of the street; the laughing bag lady of indeterminate age. He knows that these people are blessed with a poetic understanding, able to say things in a way a writer never could.

Dennis Mitchell did a British documentary called *Morning in the Streets*, about a working-class section of Manchester shortly after the war," he says. "The rubble was still there and it was just people talking. Beautiful! They spoke poetry — 'Mansions of the mind,' this one man said."

Oh yes, there's poetry running the course of life."

Terkel speaks in a highly lyrical way himself and admits that he is more than ever "haunted by the waste of human beings" and lost opportunities. "I'm always thinking about what might have been," he says. "To me, the blues is all the things I wanted to do and never got around to doing. In some ways, the blues

means it's also *nostos* (nostalgia) — 'I could have been'."

Terkel, who turns 84 on Thursday, arrived in Chicago from New York's Bronx in 1930. The city quickly captured his heart and cured his asthma. His mother, Annie, ran a working men's hotel and he would sit in the lobby and listen to the guests' frequent arguments. "It was an informal, raffish kind of education," he says.

He completed his formal education at the University of Chicago, where he trained to be a lawyer. However, his future path had already been determined by the late-night music that drifted in through his window.

"I remember the names: Lotie Hightower; Charlie Cooke. Black bands playing

slow blues that they danced to on a dime. I loved that music then and forever, and later I became a disc jockey, playing folk music and jazz."

Terkel was instrumental in the rise of Big Bill Broonzy and Mahalia Jackson, who became lifelong friends. He considers himself fortunate to have known Billie Holiday. "Billie was something, with her gardenia in her hair," he

says. "A friend of mine once said that a true artist reveals him or herself: the vulnerability of the artist becomes the vulnerability of the listener. When Billie sang *Willow Weep for Me* in front of ten people, we weren't weeping for her, we were weeping for ourselves. That's an artist."

Terkel hosted his own television programme, *Studs Place*, before being given a

daily radio show in 1953, which he continues to host today. He is currently organising tapes of the 9,000 people he has interviewed on it, ranging from uncelebrated men and women to famous names such as Dorothy Parker, Tennessee Williams, Federico Fellini, Gore Vidal, Simone de Beauvoir and Nelson Algren, who was Terkel's close friend and literary hero. "You know Nelson's credo, doncha?" he asks. "Never play cards with a man named Doc, never eat at a place called Mom's and never sleep with a woman whose troubles are worse than your own." Of course, he violated it, he went to bed with Simone de Beauvoir. He was rough, he was kind of a cad, but he was quite wonderful."

Unlike Algren, who could shut away even his most haunting characters in some lonely tavern at the darkest end of his imagination, the people Terkel writes about are with him for keeps. "If they're in the book, I get a piece of them, but they feel they own a piece of me," he says. "It's hard not to get caught up in their lives. But, if you do, you'll die."

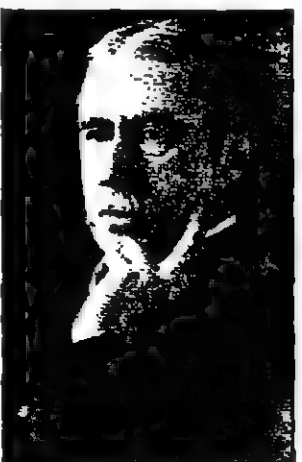
Terkel says that the secret to his survival, and his brilliant interview technique, can be traced back to a night outside Chicago's Dreamland Ballroom when he saw his elder brother being threatened by a neighbourhood gang. He stood in the shadows and watched for a brief while, before coming to his brother's unexpected rescue.

"That's the secret about me," he says. "At that moment I became attached and detached: being there and not being there. And so here I am, still looking on the outside, but actually inside."

● *Coming of Age* is published in America by New Press

Shropshire lad remembered

Richard Morrison on 100 years of A.E. Housman's great collection



Housman: won a huge public with his poems

Few poetry collections establish themselves so swiftly or so deeply in a nation's affections as A.E. Housman's *A Shropshire Lad*. Published (at Housman's own expense) exactly 100 years ago, it contains 63 exquisitely crafted pastoral lyrics in which the unchanging cycle of life in rural England is counterpointed against the sombre tread of boys marching away to fight and die in distant corners of the globe. Love is weighed against betrayal, beauty against mortality: Housman tapped into classic poetic preoccupations, but did so with a narrative simplicity that won him a huge public.

How realistically the poems depict 19th-century Shropshire life is a moot point. Housman was actually a Worcestershire lad, so even in boyhood his "blue remembered hills" were more a landscape of the imagination than of close observation. When he came to London as a clerk (his genius as a classical scholar not yet noticed) an almost pathological loneliness caused him to recreate those hills in his mind as a "land of lost content": a safe anchorage of comfort and eternal virtues in a sea of doubt and distress.

That enabled him to express, at one remove through

his poetry, the turbulent emotions that he found impossible to articulate in real life: he was never able to form close relationships. What seems extraordinary in retrospect, however, is how precisely this specific emotional condition anticipates, some 20 years before the event, the anguished fatalism of so many young men sent to fight in the First World War. It was said

that a copy of *A Shropshire Lad* could be found in every knapsack in the Flanders trenches. One can believe that.

But the collection had begun to exert its remarkable grip on the imagination of English composers long before the war. Housman, who described his poetry as a "moral secretion", hated it being turned into song, probably because music made explicit and public the despair which his words touched upon only discreetly.

Nevertheless, dozens of composers flocked to set Housman's words. And as a memorable centenary concert on Saturday night proved, the poet's fears were misplaced. Performing in the heart of Housman country — at St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, where Housman's ashes are buried — Sir Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra captured perfectly the surging, doomed passions of *A Shropshire Lad*. Two Housman-inspired pieces were played, effectively framed by Tippett and Haydn. The first was Vaughan Williams's *On Wenlock Edge*, with Robert Tear as the robust tenor soloist. In its orchestral version (the accompaniment was originally for piano quintet) the music can sound too florid and overblown for the wry, epigrammatic style of much of the text. But Rattle kept the textures tightly controlled and the phrasing fluid, and the work sounded gorgeously evocative and utterly convincing.

Then came George Butterworth's orchestral fantasy, *A Shropshire Lad*. It is one of the greatest miniatures in English music, perhaps in all music: nobility and tragedy intermingled in a composition of incredible harmonic richness. And the fact that Butterworth was killed on the Somme at the age of 31, just three years after writing the work, clearly gives it extra poignancy.

Although there are many more *Shropshire Lad* events planned in Ludlow, London and Oxford for this centenary year — talks, walks, seminars, recitals and the premiere of some newly commissioned Housman settings — nothing is likely to touch the heart more than this: the sound of Butterworth's sublimely sad music echoing like an elegy round the old stones that Housman loved and immortalised.

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The search for this freedom often causes problems. Blandine Verlet (Astrée Auvidis) tends to adopt a degree of rhythmic licence that amounts to distortion. Far more sympathetic is Kenneth Gilbert, recorded in the 1980s but still sounding fresh, and



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Scientists have discovered that the way to feel good is to start from within

Does mood food hold the secret of happiness?



A taste of summertime — if you expect a watermelon to cheer you up, then it probably will

The day from Hell stretches before you. There are a billion things to do by lunchtime, you have a crucial meeting in the afternoon and your presence is required at a three-hour power dinner. Your first instinct is... to have a cup of coffee.

What we put into our mouths has a profound effect on our mood — we might be able to cope when the fax machine breaks down but a malfunctioning coffee dispenser ranks as disaster. While a coffee can pep you up, the soothing powers of chocolate are known to all women who have ever nursed a broken heart.

"Mood foods" have fascinated scientists for decades. However, it was not until the Seventies that research into the complex workings of the brain revealed links between food (and drink) types, brain chemicals, mental performance and mood.

Now scientists such as Dr Peter Rogers, from the Institute of Food Research in Reading, Berkshire, are beginning to scrutinise more closely the influence of food on behaviour.

Psychobiology, as this realm of research is known, is a tricky business. First, the concept of "mood" is ill-defined. Dr Rogers thinks that levels of energy, tension and pleasure all contribute to our idea of mood.

Secondly, the relationship between mood and food is likely to be two-way, so mood can influence whether we opt for a healthy-looking salad, or an artery-busting fried breakfast.

Thirdly, it seems that a food can swing your mood in completely opposing directions, depending on how you expect to feel after eating it. If you expect a chocolate bar to cheer you up, it probably will.

What we eat is only one factor in determining our mood. Dr Rogers says: "There are lots of different things in everyday life that affect how we feel. We have to try to screen these out as far as possible because we are looking for quite subtle effects."

Intriguingly, some studies suggest that the effects of some foods depend on the type of people being



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studied. This was the conclusion of the most prominent "mood food" study, carried out over the past two decades by Professor Richard Wurtman, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The study found that when people who crave carbohydrates had a snack, they felt less depressed and more alert. However, non-cravers given the same snack (high in carbohydrate but low in protein) felt tired and sleepy.

At first glance, this result looked mystifying. But the authors of the study suggested that the roots of the

paradox lay in serotonin, a powerful hormone and neurotransmitter. They suggested that carbohydrates spur the brain to manufacture more serotonin. Such a surge would be expected to induce drowsiness.

However, low serotonin levels have been linked numerous times to depression. So a serotonin surge in a depressed person would act as an antidepressant, which would outweigh any drowsy feelings.

This theory was reinforced by studies of sufferers of seasonal affective disorder and pre-menstrual syndrome, which are both

characterised by depression. These subjects did not become as drowsy after eating carbohydrates as non-depressed people. Furthermore, this link between nutrition and depression relief might explain why people trying to fight the flab become depressed as the weight falls off.

What about fat? Preliminary studies have shown that a low-fat breakfast had the best effect on morning mood, but a medium-fat meal was best for afternoon. "There is no clear physiological explanation for these findings," Dr Rogers says.

The pleasure we derive from chocolate appears to stem from a high-sugar, high-fat content. That we are born with liking for sweet foods can be seen by studying newborn babies who are crying. Giving them a water-sugar solution alleviates the crying — giving them water does not.

The crying stops before the sugar has a chance to get into the bloodstream, so the calming cannot be a physiological response.

One theory about food and behaviour is that we should tailor our diet according to personality (see left). This idea has yet to be tested rigorously, but Dr Rogers and his team did unearth a striking result which suggested that it should not be dismissed. He recalls: "We were studying the effects of caffeine and we asked subjects to fill in a personality questionnaire."

"We found that impulsive, extroverted types consumed more caffeine than introverts, and benefited more from it in terms of cognitive performance. Although it was a preliminary study we thought these results were rather incredible."

However, Dr Rogers cautions that giving up or suddenly adopting certain kinds of foods may not be an instant recipe for inner harmony. "People often already eat certain food which suits them, and changing it may not improve their lives. I would, however, recommend that everyone eats a healthy, balanced diet."

ANJANA AHUJA

THE HAPPY EATING GUIDE

Dr Joel Robertson believes that different diets can benefit different personalities. In his book *Peak Performance Living* (with Tom Monte), he lists his own nutritional guidelines for enhancing mood, mental performance and energy.

He divides personality into two types — "satiation personalities" who prefer to feel safe and relaxed, tend to prize relationships above ambition, and shy away from highly competitive situations, and "arousal personalities" who work hard and play hard, are ambitious and need constant stimulation.

● **Satiation personalities** should: Reduce or eliminate red meat and eggs. Cut out chocolate, coffee and soft drinks containing caffeine. Snack on complex carbohydrate (whole grains) two hours after a high-protein meal. Don't increase your overall calories for the day.

● **Arousal personalities** should: Significantly increase all complex carbohydrate foods. Cut down on meat and eggs. Cut out chocolate, coffee and soft drinks containing caffeine. Eliminate hard cheeses.

● **Peak-Performance Living**, Dr Joel Robertson with Tom Monte. HarperCollins, £8.99.

African waters with a deadly secret under the surface

How a lake popped its cork

TEN years ago, in one of the greatest natural disasters of modern times, more than 1,700 people living near the shores of Lake Nyos in Cameroon were asphyxiated by a massive gas eruption.

It was not the result of a volcano, because the sediment on the bottom of the lake remained undisturbed, the lake water was cool, and water samples contained almost no volcanic gases except carbon dioxide.

Ever since, geologists have been puzzling out what happened, and why. Recent calculations by Dr Youxue Zhang, of the University of Michigan,

point to a very familiar process. When you take the top off a bottle of soda water, or champagne, carbon dioxide rushes explosively out of solution, creating the spray which so amazes the winners of grand prix motor races.

The suspicion has long been that this is what happened at Lake Nyos. At the lake bottom, carbon dioxide

from the Earth's mantle is seeping out through cracks in the rocks, and dissolving in the water. The greater the pressure, the more carbon dioxide is dissolved, so the bottom waters contain very large amounts of the gas. At a depth of 150 metres, for example, each litre of water contains at least 11 litres of dissolved carbon dioxide.

The waters of Lake Nyos do not mix readily, but tend to form stable layers. All that is needed to start an explosive release of the gas is a disturbance that raises the lower, saturated layers of water upwards. Then the lower water pressures allow the gas to bubble out of solution, creating a gigantic fountain of gas and water that hurls itself vertically out of the lake.

Dr Zhang's calculations, published earlier this year in *Nature*, show that the jets of gas and water at Lake Nyos would have been travelling at 80 metres per second — about 180mph. This would have caused huge waves, consistent with damage found more than 25 metres above the waterline, and would also have released vast amounts of carbon dioxide.

side which swept down the slope below the lake, displacing air and suffocating 1,746 people.

If this model is correct, the question arises of why the eruption was not more violent. Once the process started, why should it stop before all the gas had bubbled out of solution? Dr Zhang's calculations show that such an eruption can be both violent and localised, and it seems likely that the mixing of shallow, unsaturated water within the eruption column explains why the process stopped before all the gas had gone.

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Nigel Hawkes

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Through the smoke screen

WE all know someone who smokes like a chimney but fails to get lung cancer. Recently published research suggests that an enzyme, a cytochrome known as P450 2D6, may have something to do with it.

Dr Simone Benhamou, of the French National Institute for Health and Medical Research, compared 130 smokers with cancer with 160 who had not developed the disease. The subjects were divided into groups by the amount they smoked, and their P450 2D6 levels were measured.

The results, published in *Cancer Research*, show those with the highest levels of enzyme activity were more at risk from increased smoking. Why the enzyme has this effect remains uncertain. It may be that it activates the carcinogens in cigarette smoke, but there are undoubtedly many other factors in determining individual risk.

With James Young he measured the rotation speed of asteroids by observing the pulsations of sunlight reflected off their rough surfaces. None, he found, goes round in less than 2.3 hours.

This cut-off makes sense, he says, if asteroids are really held together by gravity. Any rubble asteroid rotating faster would be torn apart by centrifugal force. The idea is also consistent with the observation that craters caused by asteroid impact on the Moon come in pairs, indicating that an asteroid has fallen apart as it approached.

ASTEROIDS may be Lego-like assemblies held together by nothing more than gravity, suggests Dr Alan Harris of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. He bases his idea on the fact that although all asteroids rotate, there seems to be an upper limit in rotation speed.

come unstable again within three to seven years, and Nyos in 20 to 36 years.

Could anything be done to prevent a future disaster? One possible method would be to lower huge pipes from the surface into the lower layers and begin pumping up the gas-rich water.

As it came closer to the surface, an eruption similar to the natural one would occur, throwing a jet of spray into the air. Tests at Lake Monoun show that two modest pipes could de-gas the lake in a year, while at the much larger Lake Nyos as many as 50 pipes might be needed.



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How my Gordon found his peace

For the first time since Gordon Wilson died, his widow talks of her tragedies. Interview by Mary Riddell

SHE was still on stage when they told her. The last thin chord was fading, the conductor was walking towards her, and Joan Wilson saw in his eyes a look she had learnt to dread.

And then she was stumbling away from her tiny keyboard, off the makeshift platform, past the choir of girls she taught and the shoppers who had drifted in to hear her concert. One more tragedy, she reflected bitterly, played out in the public glare.

"I was taken out through all these people, round the back, into a little office. Everything was swimming and I could not believe what our conductor had told me: 'Joan, something dreadful has happened. Gordon has had a heart attack, and he is dead.'"

But instinctively, she had known. She thought back to the sudden and inexplicable terror which had driven her from the rehearsal room at 11 o'clock that morning — the time her husband, Ireland's greatest peace campaigner, died. And she remembered the Tannoy call minutes before the concert, one of a week-long tour, was due to begin.

They had not told her then, believing it better to let her believe it on view on that, for by then she was almost past reason. "The police drove me back from Galway to Enniskillen, and all I can remember was the speed and the pebbles hitting the side of the car. And the suffocating heat."

It had been freezing outside when, almost ten years ago, she held her daughter Marie — murdered by the Enniskillen bombers — in her arms and watched her die. The first snow of winter was falling on the day, 18 months ago, when her only son, Peter, perished in the wreckage of his car.

Now the sun was burning down, and she was going home, to bury her husband. "Please don't let me," her only remaining child, Julie Anne, had told her over the phone. "He had a lovely, peaceful death."

Almost a year has passed, and Joan Wilson has not spoken before of her loss. But she has remembered, over and over, every word, every detail, every step up the familiar staircase to the bedroom where he lay.

Ireland had lost a tireless campaigner for peace. She had lost the man who rendered



A family stricken by grief: Joan Wilson, the widow who watched her husband drive

almost bearable the dreadful tragedies their family has had to endure. How could she cope with yet another bereavement? But she knew, when she saw him, that this time it was different.

"He was lying on the bed, with his shoes on and his glasses by his side. He was alone in the house, and it looked as if he had simply fallen asleep. I can't believe I was so cool, but you get a special strength."

"The extraordinary thing was the peace in his face. I was standing there, seeing him dead, but that peaceful atmosphere was all around. It was dreadful to lose him, but it was the sort of death he wanted."

She noticed, when she finally turned away, that he had been working. His diary was neatly filled in, the drawers pulled from his filing cabinet and a few papers scattered around — the last testament to a man who had literally given his life to the peace process.

The truth, as Joan will tell you now, is that Gordon Wilson drove himself to his death at 65. His mission began on November 8, 1987, as he lay buried in rubble and heard his dying daughter's words: "Daddy, I love you very much."

His public forgiveness of the IRA, his book, his work with the young and, later, his duties as an Irish Senator took over his life. Named a Man of the Year, mentioned in the Queen's Christmas broadcast, he moved smoothly among the highest circles and the most ordinary.

The IRA ceasefire came as the final proof that Marie, a 20-year-old nurse, had not died in vain, and Gordon Wilson, exultant, worked on. He was in Dublin when, just before Christmas in 1994, he took the call which signalled the end of his life.

Joan had not phoned at once, for she could not speak or think. She had been in the kitchen, baking queen cakes for her granddaughters, Eloise, 12, and Judith, 11, when their mother, Ingrid, rang. "She said: 'Gordon, Peter's had an accident, and he's not very well. He's under a lorry, and there's a policeman with me. Will you talk to him.'"

"I dropped the phone, and I ran up the stairs and along the corridor. I tore the place down screaming. Then the minister came, and I said: 'What do you know about Peter?'"

"And I knew I was back in the same pattern: begging someone to tell me about another child, just as I had

with Marie. We drove to the cemetery. Through all her losses — Marie, Peter, and her second-born son, Richard, who lived for only a day — she had never been able to bring herself to stand by their open graves."

But, for the first time, she felt some consolation. "I knew that Gordon was with them, and that was a comfort."

If Gordon Wilson's was a story of courage, then hers is perhaps even more remarkable. Since she married 40 years ago, the life of Joan Wilson, a brilliant violinist and pianist, centred round her family and her teaching.

Shy, private and charming, she was thrust into a limelight she never sought. Always gracious, always welcoming, she accepted from the outset she too should make her quieter

plea for peace and accept whatever toll it demanded of her. When Gordon ignored his family's pleas to lessen his workload, she forbore to dictate to him, accepting that if only his own death could assuage his sorrow, he must be free to choose his way.

But his loss left her desolate. "Afterwards I was very frail, very scared. Now I was totally on my own, and it was daunting. But I prayed that I would have courage and not be weak and a nuisance to the family. Again and again, I could hear Gordon saying after the other two deaths: 'We can't sit around crying. We have to do the best we can.' What I want to do now is to help other people."

The second disaster. The second tragedy, and this time it took its toll. Seeing Ingrid and the little girls wrung his heart, and he threw himself into this whirl of engagements. He didn't stop to think. He didn't want to think.

"He was hardly at home, until I drew the line at him flying off every weekend to work on the peace process. But even so, his pace was so hard that at times I didn't think about it." Did he sacrifice himself by working so hard?

"Without a doubt. We all told him he would kill himself, but it was as if he thought it best to burn out. He gave unstintingly."

President Mary Robinson and his fellow Senators came to mourn him. Joan, as al-

himself beyond endurance, Marie, victim of the IRA, and the peace campaigner Gordon

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Outside, Julie Anne's toddler sons, Scott and Timothy, play on the garden slide. Inside stand the silver-framed portraits of the aunt they never knew and the uncle and grandfather they will not remember. But Joan Wilson does not mourn what can never be.

Instead, as the all-party Irish peace talks and the anniversary of her husband's death approach, she prays constantly and believes implacably that the process for which he gave his life will not die with him.

After the IRA ceasefire crumbled and now, as the pressure mounts for its renewal, she longs only to see a country in which no other family is torn apart by violence as hers has been. "I can't bear to see any more suffering. Families have suffered enough."

That freedom from grief was all that Gordon yearned for. And, in the times when sorrow overwhelms her, she thinks back to his fate. She had expected to weep and to rage as she stood by Gordon's deathbed, but the stillness in the room restrained her. "Mission accomplished," she told him softly, knowing that he, who had fought beyond endurance, could at last rest in peace.

Gloria Moss on male and female creativity

Bringing the sexes to book

On Wednesday, the winner will be announced of the first all-women prize for fiction, the Orange Prize. At £30,000, this is the richest of English language book prizes. But is it necessary?

Kate Mosse, chairman of the judges, points out that only four out of the 30 books shortlisted for Booker in the past five years have been by women, and that the Orange Prize is necessary "to ensure that some superb writers get the attention they deserve". Others insist that women's creativity is no different from men's.

Over the past three years, I have been carrying out research, mostly in the visual art field, which suggests that there is a well defined male and female aesthetic. Three key points have emerged. First, there are consistent differences in the ways in which men and women (whether adults or children) address a particular design brief. For example, male work is more serious, angular and less colourful than female work. There are differences also in the choice of subject matter underlying the design, with male work based on inorganic

and dynamic objects (such as cars and ships) and on male figures, and female work based on static objects (flowers and houses) and female figures.

Secondly, men and women like different types of design. And thirdly, there is a consistent preference by the two sexes in "blind tests" for work done by their own sex, a sort of "self-selecting" tendency. This has come across in various pieces of research, including a study for New World Cookers. A sample of children's cooker designs was shown to employees of the company and there was a consistent tendency for the men to prefer the boys' cookers, and women the girls'.

This phenomenon is also evident in art and design examination results at school and university. At levels where most of the teachers and examiners are female (as at GCSE and A level), the girls achieve conspicuously better grades than the boys. At levels where most of the teachers and examiners are male (the case at degree level), male students obtain a higher proportion of firsts than the women do. How far do these findings

apply to literature? All existing research suggests a similar pattern.

Philippa Harrison, the managing director of Virago, says: "The average male writer tends not to express feelings straight on, but basically suppresses his feelings. Women find it much easier to express their feelings."

Carmen Callil comments on a "very strong tradition of irony in women's writing" and the fact that "males take themselves more seriously than women". She says that the writer's gender can be guessed from an anonymous manuscript in about 90 per cent of cases.

Do men and women like different sorts of books? Maggie Noach, a leading London literary agent, quotes commissioning editors who say: "I want books written for men and books written for women." Patrick Janson-Smith, who is responsible for fiction and non-fiction titles at Transworld, one of the world's largest publishers, refers to male and female markets. "Books by Mary Wesley and stories like that are not flagged for men."

So there is a possibility that men and women may write

differently and that they may like different kinds of work. What about our third proposition, namely that men and women are drawn to work by people of their own sex? There is some tentative evidence that suggests we are. For example, Jill Cooper's readers are overwhelmingly female, just as Bret Easton Ellis's are overwhelmingly male. We find this self-selecting tendency even in cases where the style is very literary and where the writer's name does not reveal the author's gender. Antonia Byatt, though known only as A.S., has a readership which is 90 per cent female.

Does this say anything about the Booker Prize? We know that in the lifetime of the prize there has been a 60/40 split in favour of male judges and a 90/10 split in favour of male chairmen, the people who presumably have most influence. Could this be the reason why 66 per cent of the prize-winners have been male?

Women's writing appears, both aesthetically and commercially, to be a category by itself, and a large one — 80 per cent of fiction is bought by women. Furthermore, the unconscious "self-selecting" tendency means that women's writing is much more likely to gain the approval of female judges than of male judges.

If men are left to identify which books are best, there will be an inherent bias against the work of women. In other words against the work which is likely to have most appeal to the majority of readers. That cannot be in the interests of the publishing business.

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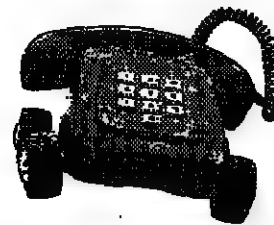
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■ The moral battle to allow gays into the Armed Forces is won. It is now a question of what will work in practice

The result of last Thursday's debate on gays in the Armed Forces was widely reported. The debate itself, however, found little space in the newspapers. This was a pity because, although the result was fairly decisive — 188 MPs voted against relaxing the ban, 120 voted for and some 340 did not vote — the debate itself was less so. Nobody really "won" and interventions yielded confusing signals.

Edwina Currie made a fine speech. Those who deride her should try reading her speeches for their clarity and valour, and the sheer hard graft (in this case with the Stonewall lobbying group's help) she invests in their preparation. But Mrs Currie was not the only good speech. Dr John Reid, speaking the said for Labour members of the Forces Select Committee, was thoughtful, as was the Armed Forces Minister, Nicholas Soames. Few could have resisted the gay lobby with the tact and good nature Mr Soames has brought to the task.

I draw encouragement not from any claim about who "won" on Thursday, but from the remarkably narrow ground on which conservatives in both parties chose to rest their case. No moral reasoning at all was advanced in favour of a ban on gays in the Armed Forces.

The case was simple: that current attitudes among servicemen and women were such that to relax the ban on homosexuals would cause unacceptable discontent.

"We must not in any sense be censorious," said a Conservative, John Wilkinson, but "members [of the Armed Forces] did not want any change." In other words, Mr Wilkinson wanted to uphold the ban not because he was censorious, or thought others should be, but because it was a fact that many members of the Armed Forces were censorious. Note: MPs were placing themselves at one remove from the opinions of the Armed Forces by arguing that we should respect the strength with which these opinions were held.

Labour's Dr Reid became rather mysterious on this, when he concluded: "Prejudice is no ground on its own for the continuation of past practice, but nor can practical problems be wished away." It was the practical problems, he seemed to suggest, which justified continuing past practice.

But (unless I mistake his argument) Dr Reid believes the practical problems arise from prejudice. And surely he is right: practical problems can be wished away, but prejudice cannot. Powerful prejudice, widely shared, can be a practical problem: a fact, and one which employers should not overlook. In a close-knit organisation such as an army, it may be

If prejudice among soldiers runs so deep and wide, it may have to be respected

would cause. One would not, in upholding the anti-Hispanic ban, be condoning the prejudice; just acknowledging its strength. It would be a practical problem, of the kind Dr Reid is right to remind us about.

Those who believe that the case against homosexuality in the Armed Forces includes a moral one had their chance to state that view in Thursday's debate. Not a single speaker did. Nobody in the Government ever has. Both sides in the debate rested their case on what is really a quantitative judgment: just how much trouble would a relaxation of the ban cause in practice?

It was upon precisely this question that the controversy about allowing blacks to serve alongside whites in the US military turned and, in the end, Washington took the view that the fuss about integration would die down and that white soldiers would get used to blacks. They were right. In the controversy about gays, Westminster has taken the opposite view. I think MPs are wrong, but that is a matter of judgment. It turns upon assessment of a changing picture: attitudes among service people. The assessment is not of what military personnel prefer, but what they will wear.

MPs are free to reassess and will do so in a few years. The moral argument is over, the practical argument close to being won.

Ian Hargreaves is in the great tradition of *New Statesman* editors — and the glory days are returning

Required reading for new Labour

During the war, when I was at school and afterwards when I was either doing National Service or was at Oxford, I was a regular, though dissenting, reader of the *New Statesman*. In those years, in which the ideas of the Left were dominant, Kingsley Martin's *New Statesman* was the political weekly in which they were best argued. I went on reading the *New Statesman* under the editorships of John Freeman, Paul Johnson, Richard Crossman and Anthony Howard. It remained an interesting weekly, but the ideas were losing their momentum. After that the magazine fell into a black hole and I stopped reading it — perhaps I bought an issue once every three years, to see whether it was still being published.

As the *New Statesman* fell, *The Spectator* rose. I had been a regular reader during the 1950s and 1960s in the golden editorships of Ian Gilmour, Ian Mactod and Nigel Lawson. After that I lapsed, but Alexander Chancellor brought me back. He had the light touch, every editor of a weekly needs the skill of a pastry cook and Alexander's *Spectator* melted in the mouth. He was succeeded by Charles Moore, who made it the necessary reading of the intellectual Right, by Dominic Lawson and now by Frank Johnson.

As the Conservatives went into their prolonged decline, a deathbed scene as protracted as that of Deng Xiaoping, *The Spectator* became a critic of the Government, but still had the more interesting ideas. Frank Johnson himself is rather sympathetic to John Major, for reasons which escape me and sometimes escape him, but allows his contributors, including Paul Johnson, to growl like true Tories. The modern *Spectator* resembles nothing so much as Trafalgar Square, with the Editor on top of his column and the lions around the base.

On Friday nights I usually catch the Bath train at Paddington station, a nostalgic experience which I must have enjoyed more than a thousand times. I usually buy the same set of magazines, *The Spectator* itself, *Country Life* — if I had the money I would, like the great Lord Curzon, collect country houses — *The Economist*, if I want to settle in for a good boring read.

Two weeks ago I was sent a copy of the first issue of the new *New Statesman* under the editorship of Ian Hargreaves. Last Friday, though I happened to be going to Exeter rather than Bath, I made my usual visit to Paddington station. I added the second Hargreaves issue of the *New Statesman* to my list, and I expect to be reading it regularly from now on.

As against *The Spectator* it has one great disadvantage, and one great advantage. The disadvantage is that the *New Statesman* has never been edited by Alexander Chancellor. He made *The Spectator* more of a cocktail party than a political party, a party of lively minds. After two weeks, Ian Hargreaves's *New Statesman* is still rather doughy, but that is unavoidable. It takes time to assemble the varied talents which make a weekly fun to read.

The *New Statesman*'s real advantage is that it has the smell of power. *The Spectator* could commission an article about the future of the health service, which might make

interesting policy recommendations. That would not be quite unreadable, but it would be easy to set aside for reading later.

However good the ideas were, no one would expect the Government to put them into effect before the general election, or to be in a position to put them into effect after it. If the *New Statesman* were to commission an article on the same subject, that would mean much more. Clearly Tony Blair reads the *New Statesman*, as do the brighter of his colleagues. A

ingly, what might be called the Rohatyn heresy.

Felix Rohatyn is a Democrat of the Democrats, and a Wall Streeter of Wall Street. He is chairman of Lazard Frères and has been a very large fundraiser. When Tony Blair recently visited the United States, Henry Kissinger invited Rohatyn to breakfast with him. The day they met, *The Wall Street Journal* published a major piece by Rohatyn called "Recipe for Growth". This piece has been a bombshell for the Democrats because it conflicts with the liberal orthodoxy of their party policy, though it would not have surprised President Kennedy. Yet, as Rohatyn told the *New Statesman*, "no major country can escape the consequences of the changes I write about. It applies to all."

The Rohatyn view — which is similar to the argument I have put, based on the experience of Hong Kong — is that economic growth is the condition of social improvement.

The *New Statesman* summarises the central themes of what must seem a heresy to modern left-wing parties, Democrats or Labour. "It is no longer possible to obtain a 'fair' distribution of wealth through a redistributed tax system: no government can substantially reduce the widening differentials between incomes: capital must be taxed more lightly to encourage investment: social security systems

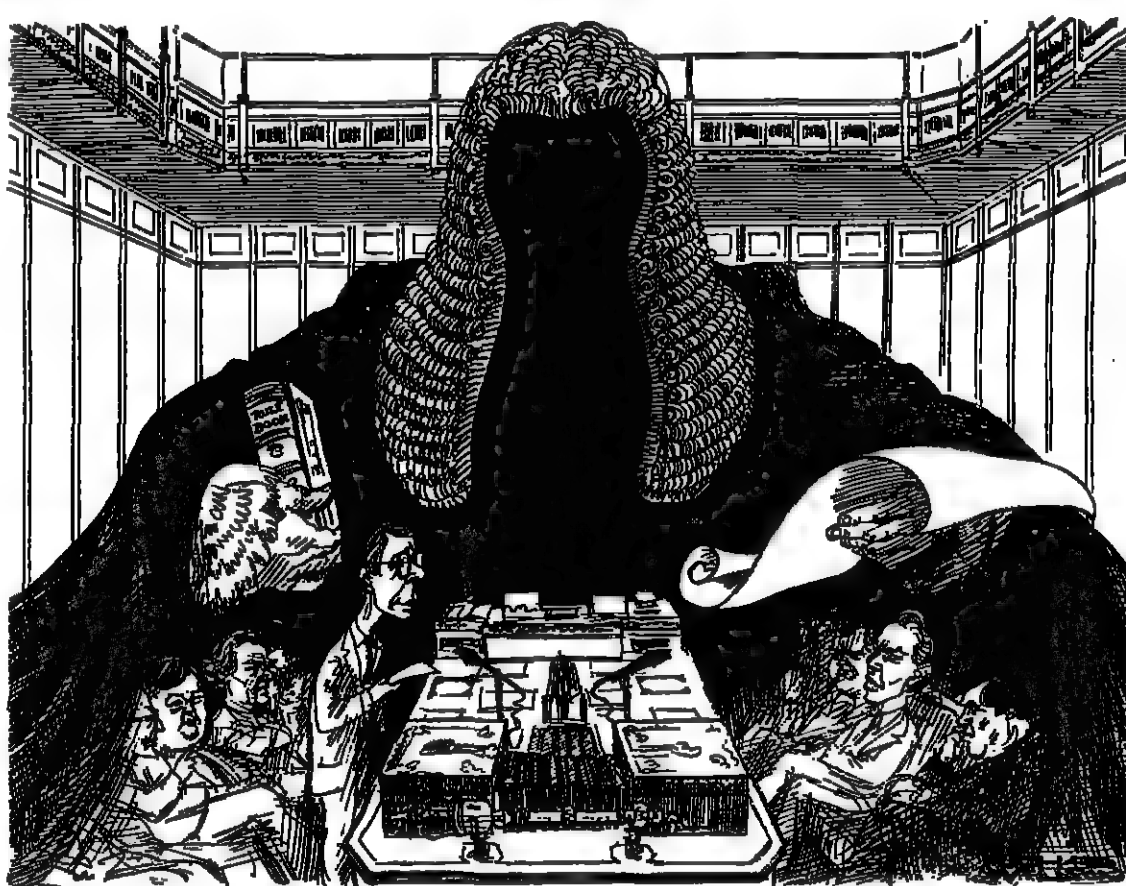
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good new idea could flourish in that receptive soil.

Ian Hargreaves does, therefore, have an exceptional journalistic opportunity and an enviable one. If he succeeds, his magazine will be the arena of intellectual debate for the government which will probably make the next set of big decisions for Britain. From the first two issues under his editorship, I think he is going to take this opportunity. He has already started to attack some of the big issues: Labour's position on Europe and on public spending, the future of welfare and, most interest-

Cabinets, codes and the courts

Politicians must obey rules which call into question our unwritten constitution



Britain no longer has an unwritten constitution. The framework of a written constitution is being created: the rulebook for ministers was first published in 1992 and is now being re-examined, a more comprehensive code for civil servants came into operation in January, and MPs have faced tighter restrictions on their outside interests since last month. But because this process has been piecemeal, there are no clear principles of accountability and no agreement on who should safeguard the new written rules.

These changes have attracted far less attention than the debate over centralisation of power in Whitehall under the Tories, or the sweeping plans for constitutional reform of Charter 88 and the opposition parties. Yet they are as significant, in the long term, in moving Britain's political culture away from informal understandings and precedents to a more formal system of rules.

The impetus for change has come from the managerial revolution in Whitehall, notably the creation of "Next Steps" executive agencies to run large areas of administration. The Major Government has paradoxically accelerated the process by its moves towards openness, while the Nolan and Scott inquiries have highlighted flaws in this piecemeal approach. The implications are now being examined by the Public Service Committee of the Commons.

The Government has sought to be organisationally radical but constitutionally conservative. However, in the process of defining where accountability lies when managerial responsibility is delegated to agencies, ministers have failed to offer

satisfactory answers. Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, has argued that, while ministers are accountable to Parliament for everything done by their officials, they cannot be held responsible for actions which they neither authorised nor knew about.

This distinction sounds neat and is, in part, intended to counter kneejerk demands for resignations whenever something goes wrong. But it can be distorted into a doctrine of ministerial irresponsibility. Ministers under pressure, as Michael Howard has been over prisons, invoke a division between policy, for which they are responsible, and operations, for which the chief executive of an agency is. While it is obviously difficult to blame Mr Howard every time a prisoner escapes, there is no clear-cut distinction between policy and operations. The issue came to a head over the

sacking last October of Derek Lewis as head of the Prison Services Agency. But if the heads of agencies are to take the blame in such cases, should they also, as Mr Lewis believes, be allowed to explain themselves more fully to Parliament?

The First Division Association, representing senior civil servants, has been considering whether officials should be allowed to be accountable for actions and not just give evidence to select committees on behalf of ministers — though policy advice would remain confidential.

Parallel problems arise over the conduct of ministers. Many of the most forceful criticisms in the Scott report were over breaches of "Questions of Procedure for Ministers"

(QPM). Until May 1992, this was a classified Cabinet Office document and little discussed, but it has since become, in the words of Professor Peter Hennessy, "the crucial and acknowledged instrument of decency and proper procedure at the apex of the political and governmental system". That is more than was intended when it was declassified, but Nolan and Scott have elevated its public status. Yet its key section on openness is full of let-out clauses. No one disputes that some defence and security matters should not have to be disclosed to Parliament. But who is to judge what they are, and what the public interest is?

In the past, the Prime Minister, Cabinet Secretary and Chief Whip have all been involved in examining breaches of QPM by ministers. This has landed Sir Robin Butler in

unwanted political controversy as he was forced to appear the virtual guarantor of Jonathan Aitken's integrity over allegations about a Paris hotel bill. This put Sir Robin in the embarrassing position of investigator rather than the Prime Minister's main adviser. But the Government rejected Nolan's suggestion that the Prime Minister should determine whether or not ministers have upheld the standards in QPM, since that would make him "investigator and judge" of his ministerial colleagues.

This position is unsustainable. Most private-sector and professional bodies now accept the principle of external, independent audit of their ethical rules. The Government has already accepted that the Civil Service Commissioners should deal with complaints by civil servants about their code, while a Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards has been created to act as a preliminary investigator of alleged breaches of rules by MPs.

This is similar to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration — the Ombudsman who investigates maladministration and now monitors open government — and the Comptroller and Auditor-General who examines government accounts. All are accountable to Commons committees. I believe a similar figure is now needed to investigate breaches of QPM by ministers and to advise where the public interest lies. A prime minister would still decide whether he had confidence in a minister.

A version of this idea was suggested to Nolan by Vernon Bogdanor, the constitutional writer, and was endorsed last week by Sir Richard Scott in evidence to the Public Services Committee. Sir Richard has become a constitutional radical who favours a Freedom of Information Act. This would, crucially, shift issues of ministerial accountability and openness into the courts. Then we would really have a written constitution.

But it is already too late to return to the "good chaps know how to behave" approach. British politicians will increasingly have to operate by formal rules.



Unlucky: The Wallendas

performing a high-wire bicycle act, she then saw her son-in-law killed and her adopted son paralysed for life when the Wallendas' famed seven-person high-wire pyramid collapsed in 1962.

In 1963, her sister-in-law fell to her death while performing a pole-balancing act in Omaha, and in 1972 her son-in-law died in similar circumstances. Having been fatally trampled when a fire erupted in a Big Top in Connecticut in 1944, she survived to see her husband fall off a high wire in Puerto Rico and die in 1978. After so action-packed a life, she died peacefully in Florida.

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Clap Happy

WITH stories raging about his awkward relationship with the Shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown, Peter Mandelson, Labour MP for Hartlepool, spent Friday and Saturday whooping it up in Prague. He was at the launch of the New Atlantic Initiative, a beano for Europe's Thatcherite aristocracy.

During a speech by Baroness Thatcher, the vulpine Mandelson found himself on the horns of a

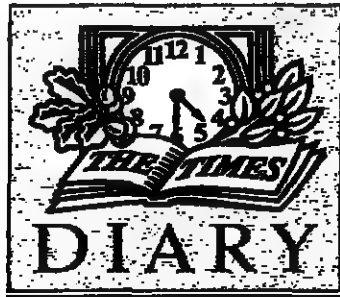
dilemma. Should he join the adoring crowd in standing to applaud the former Prime Minister?

Not even the iron rod of Blair's leadership would be able to contain the inevitable rumpus from Labour's Left which would greet such a deed.

Ever the good new Labourite, however, Mandelson was equally keen not to seem ungenerous or overly critical towards the speaker. Typically, he reached a good Blairite compromise. In a sea of standing, cheering, shiny-suited Eastern European capitalists, Mandelson alone stayed seated, clapping nonetheless.

Notably absent from the shindig was Henry Kissinger, the former American Secretary of State and admirer of the female form. He, more than Mandelson, would have appreciated the stunning conference hostesses. The Czechs, it turns out, had plundered their top modelling agency for the occasion.

● GLOOMY omens for Railtrack's privatisation. The closing date for share applications is Wednesday, but in a large advertisement placed in *The Guardian* on Satur-



day, Railtrack boomed "Two days to go". By yesterday they were back on schedule, announcing in *The Guardian's* sister paper, *The Observer*: "Three days to go".

Curried

POOR Bill Cash, arch Euro-sceptic and MP for Stafford. He cannot find anyone to climb into the sandpit with him for a debate on Europe. On yesterday morning's *Breakfast with Frost*, he was looking forward to a hair-pulling session with Edwina Currie, Europhile and MP for Derbyshire South. No dice.

"Currie backed out on Friday," moaned Cash. "The Europhiles are ducking the debate and my position is being censured." "I could not do the show because

it was my husband's birthday on Saturday," said Currie yesterday afternoon, still a little woolly from the night before. "Anyway," she said, "I have begun to turn down invitations to debate Euro-sceptic colleagues because the story which emerges is never about Europe but about rifts in the Tory party."

Currie, who chairs the Conservative Group for Europe and ran for a seat in the European Parliament, added: "I have been on television several times with John Redwood, but frankly I have much better things to do on a Sunday morning than talk with Bill Cash." Tiers.

● WITH the BBC already under siege for prying through for *The Day's* contributors' list, its religious broadcasting section has taken another blow. Mike Woodbridge, religious affairs correspondent for the past six years, is on the move. Woodbridge, an Anglican, is off to far less sticky ground as the BBC's man in Delhi.

Blowing hot

AS elections loom for him in November, President Clinton has resurged one of his best campaign gimmicks: the saxophone. In a terrific poll-boosting manoeuvre in 1992, Clinton put on a pair of sun-

glasses and tooted his sax on a popular television chat show. The routine was often repeated through the campaign and in the early months of Clinton's presidency. Since then, however, the first horn has lain unblown.

Last week, however, Clinton was driving between fundraising events in New Jersey when he halted his cavalcade to greet a small band of supporters.

One of the crowd of 20 or so offered the President a saxophone. In one of those defining moments, Clinton hesitated, took it, and played a selection of Dave Brubeck



Cool: President Clinton

tunes. According to the White House, we can confidently "expect to see the saxophone appearing often during the campaign".

● SHORTLIST time in Mid-Norfolk, a new seat, where they are in the process of selecting a Conservative candidate to fight the next election. Heading the final six is Conal Gregory, 49, Master Vintner, food writer and MP for York from 1983 until he lost his seat in 1992. Two other Lazarene contenders are Paul Howell and Bill Newton-Dunn, both former MEPs who lost their seats in 1992 and are now trying to revive their careers with a crack at Westminster. Howell may have the edge. His father, Sir Ralph Howell, has been Conservative MP for neighbouring North Norfolk since 1970.

Last walk

CIRCUSES are suddenly much grayer places. The last of the Great Wallendas is dead. With the death of Helen Wallenda, wife of the legendary tightrope-walker Karl, the last flicker of the century's greatest circus family has gone out.

Mrs Wallenda's life was never short on drama. Having experienced the death of her brother-in-law Will, blown off course while

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The Times Good University Guide begins today

Quality will out. Although this Government sought to enhance the prestige of all higher education institutions by abolishing the division between universities and polytechnics, new divisions have emerged. Our report on page 1 that some foreign countries will recognise qualifications only from a premier league of British universities demonstrates how hollow the claims to homogeneity are. Pupils and parents need help when so many institutions of such widely varying quality are soliciting applicants.

Until recently there was no authoritative guide to the relative quality of universities and their departments. Applicants had to rely on an inadequate stew of rumour, parental memories and teachers' advice. The expansion of higher education made selection even more of a lottery. Competition has become even fiercer for entry to the higher education super league which appears to be emerging. That is why the publication, this week, of *The Times's fifth Good University Guide* is so valuable. The *Guide's* conclusions now take account of official assessments of teaching quality drawn up for the higher education funding bodies. Complemented by figures compiled by the Higher Education Statistics Agency, it should be invaluable for anyone trying to make sense of the university system.

Extracts from the *Guide* will be published over the next five days and it will soon be available in paperback from Times Books. It is more than a dry collection of tables. In choosing where to study, applicants will want to weigh the merits of a collegiate system against a modern campus and consider whether a thriving club scene or access to the hills matters more. The *Guide* provides an insight into every aspect of student life. It will allow a judgment to be made on

grounds which are not just academic. Nevertheless, the main purpose of university is the pursuit of learning and the *Guide* should help pupils to aim at realistic targets and ignore fashion to find out which establishments enjoy the best ratings in their subjects. Many universities are centres of excellence in certain fields and the *Guide* shows which establishments shine in which areas.

There are pockets of achievement across the country but, as the Governments of Malaysia and Singapore realise, there are certain universities which score well in almost every area. The development of a de facto Ivy League on the American model may alarm idealistic egalitarians. But it is probably the best guarantee of excellence. It would be naive to expect every higher education body to conform to one idea of a university. Some universities are ill-equipped to compete for research funds or the best students. There is no disgrace, indeed good reason, in their specialising in studies which are more explicitly vocational but not professional, or simply those which are less intellectually demanding.

Allowing a premier league to develop will ensure that liberal learning, the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, survives. Some higher education bodies are diluting what is distinctive about the British university tradition by providing "foundation" courses for students not yet equipped for undergraduate study. Mass-production methods such as large-scale lecturing, more common on the Continent, are displacing smaller seminar-style teaching. There are also suggestions that degree quality is being debased. By acknowledging, indeed encouraging, an elite which cleaves to traditional methods, the excellence which attracts students from the world over can best be preserved.

VISITE CORDIALE

Chirac's instincts have much in common with the British mood

Jacques Chirac arrives in Britain tomorrow with a spring in his step. At home, he has begun to recover the political ground lost during the winter, when France erupted in street battles over tough welfare reforms and spending cuts and the Elysee appeared to have nothing to say in response. After a difficult year in which broken electoral promises lay all around him and he seemed not so much to be setting into the presidency as trying to reinvent it, he has developed a confidently informal style as the leader who really listens to his countrymen — and they in turn are learning to love him for it.

Abroad, M Chirac has begun to articulate a highly interventionist neo-Gaullist policy with an energy and audacity all his own. He has taken care to describe these policies as the natural product of France's "great ambitions in and for Europe", stressing that they are entirely consistent with France's commitment to a common EU foreign and security policy. His European partners might beg to differ, since he gave them no prior notice of his decision to resume nuclear tests, infuriated nine of them by refusing to apply the Schengen agreement on border controls and thoroughly upset Germany by announcing the overdue decision to streamline the French Armed Forces and make them professional. He is too astute a political player not to know that what makes these initiatives so popular in France is that they mark his determination to "recover France's sovereign margin of manoeuvre".

He visits Britain, therefore, as a politician whose instincts have much in common with this country's mood. He also comes as a friend, a Frenchman for whom the Anglo-Saxon world has never been hostile territory. At his request this will be as much a working visit as a formal state occasion, and that too is a welcome change.

There is genuine warmth in his relationship with John Major, accentuated by his gratitude for Britain's tactful handling of France's nuclear tests. The two countries' thinking on defence, reinforced by the development of what has come to seem to be a natural military partnership in support of shared global interests, has never been more

compatible. Britain and France are some way from agreement on the future shape of Europe; France claims, for example, to be committed to "deepening" European integration before new members can be admitted. But M Chirac has insisted that Europe cannot be built without Britain and so without an effort to understand Britain's "specific problems" with European federalism.

With these "problems" M Chirac's France can, for all the continued importance to Paris of its key relationship with Bonn, broadly identify. On a Europe of nation-states, the only real difference between France and Britain is that Britain can state frankly what France must, with its eye on Chancellor Kohl, seek to finesse at least until monetary union — which in French eyes means escaping the tutelage of the Bundesbank — is securely in the bag.

But this French balancing act presents obvious problems for Franco-British entente. The problem over timing is that the inter-governmental conference ends before the decision is due on a starting date for EMU. Germany expects France to do its duty by political union and it will take all the legendary manipulative skills of French diplomacy to manufacture a document that satisfies German demands without tying Paris — and Britain — down.

The problem of substance is that France must travel further down the deficit-cutting track in order to qualify for EMU. As it struggles to fit into the Maastricht straitjacket, the French Government is eyeing Britain's freedom to adjust its exchange rates and monetary policies with an envy bordering on hostility.

M Chirac is therefore likely to press Mr Major hard to agree to French demands that if Britain declines to participate in EMU, it will re-enter a binding exchange-rate mechanism which would rule out "competitive devaluation". Were the positions reversed, France would not even contemplate such a course. It would be wholly contrary to its national interest. Mr Major must find an emollient way of saying just that. Friends should be able to differ; and Britain and France are fast learning to be friends again.

DON'T MISS THE BUS

New tracks are opening for British trainspotters

Railway enthusiasts took a special break over the weekend at the Sidings Hotel beside the main line at York. As we report on page 9, they exchanged their customary windy platforms for Pullman luxury. Thermoses of tea and sandwiches wrapped in greaseproof paper for candlelit dinner. And all day and night they enjoyed a constant procession of 225s, high-speed trains and all the other classes, names and numbers of locomotive.

Towards the end of this century some of the romance has gone out of trains. It is difficult to imagine Auden rattling on about the Night Mail crossing the Border today, or Whitman addressing a poem to a locomotive as "fierce-throated beauty". A French decadent of the school of Huysmans would find it impossible to ask "Where is there a woman whose form is more splendid than that of a locomotive?" without being suspected of chauvinism or irony. This decline in railway glamour is partly a case of familiarity and partly a case of inaccessibility. Diesel and electric locomotives have a less sparky life than their steam predecessors. And trainspotting has a downmarket image of cloth caps. Whereas fathers once took their sons to watch the

trains, now the fathers go alone with their nostalgia. After a generation of British Rail, the only wonder the young find in trains is wondering how late they will run.

Nevertheless, up at the end of the line to King's Cross and up the Metropolitan Line to Wembley, new life was stirring in the old English hobby of sighting rarities and collecting. The coach and bus spotting society were out in force for the Cup Final. Northern coaches seldom spotted south of Watford had driven down the M6 from Manchester and Liverpool. Privatised coaches display a great variety of liveries, and new registration numbers are added to them every year. Unlike the railways, coaches constantly parade new rolling-stock. The intricate codes of coach marques and timetables can be satisfactorily cracked and recorded by the thoroughly modern spotter with his personal computer.

So we all hope that reprivatisation of the railways may bring the old romance and reliability back for travellers up the East Coast main line, looking out at the finest cathedrals in Britain. But it may also bring relief and variety back for those who sit at ease in the sidings to spot the trains go by.

Investigation of police complaints

From Mr Christopher Price

Sir, In recent years the Government has followed good management practice in devolving responsibility, including that for disciplinary decisions, to those who manage the various public agencies. The exception is the police.

Metropolitan Police officers are alone in being protected by both a "reasonable doubt" test of proof in disciplinary cases and a final appeal, when all else fails, to a Home Secretary who all too often overrules the Commissioner.

The recent escalation in damages identified by Mr Sadiq Khan (letter, May 7) is a function of what has become virtual police officer immunity from disciplinary sanction in the aftermath of juries finding against them in civil cases and of well-publicised miscarriages of justice. As long as police officers are seen to have this unique employment protection privilege, substantial awards of damages should continue.

If Sir Paul Condon really wants the Court of Appeal to moderate damages against his force (report, May 7), he should make greater efforts to ensure that his officers are properly and publicly disciplined when citizens are illegally assaulted.

Actions against the Metropolitan Police stem partly from an ineffective police complaints system but mainly from a chronic inability by successive Commissioners to discipline offending officers and a persistent refusal to apologise to injured parties.

Yours truly,
CHRISTOPHER PRICE,
9 Pickwick Road, SE21.
May 7.

From the Acting Chairman of the Police Complaints Authority

Sir, Solicitor Sadiq Khan criticises this authority for refusing to reopen the inquiry into Kenneth Hsu's complaint against the police.

Mr Hsu did complain, and his case would have been investigated. However, on Mr Khan's advice, he decided not to co-operate with the complaints inquiry. This made it impossible to conduct a meaningful investigation.

As a result, the authority had no alternative but to grant the police a dispensation from the need to pursue the matter, in accordance with regulations approved by Parliament.

While the courts have decided that we do not have the legal power to reopen a complaint once it has been dispensed with, I have to say that a reopening of the investigation would not have been justified after a delay of nearly four years.

In a 1988 judicial review (*Regina v Police Complaints Authority, Ex parte Ronald F. Broome*) Lord Justice Bingham ruled that the complaints and civil processes are separate and that complaints must not be subordinated to civil actions.

In 1994 the House of Lords accepted our view that both the police and plaintiffs should have equal access to any complaints inquiry evidence in order to pursue civil actions.

Unlike Mr Khan, many solicitors now advise clients to co-operate with the complaints system, since this may provide the evidence needed to bring a successful civil action, at less cost to public funds. It is not surprising, therefore, that our ever-increasing workload does not support Mr Khan's claim that the public are deserting the complaints system in favour of legal action.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MOORHOUSE,
Acting Chairman,
Police Complaints Authority,
10 Great George Street, SW1.
May 9.

From Mr David Wolfson

Sir, Mr Sadiq Khan justifies the award to his client of £220,000 for wrongful assault and false imprisonment, including £200,000 of exemplary damages, on the grounds that the jury wanted "to send a message" to the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

Mr Khan does not address the fundamental objection to Mr Hsu personally receiving such a large sum as exemplary damages. Mr Hsu should receive an award of damages designed to compensate him for the injuries he sustained.

However, an award of exemplary damages, which is punitive and not compensatory in nature, should be paid, like any other fine, to the State. Exemplary damages should be paid so as to punish the wrongdoer, not to provide an unjustified windfall to the victim.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WOLFSON,
3 Gray's Inn Place,
Gray's Inn, WCL.
May 7.

From Mr D. Greg Castel

Sir, Only recently has it registered on my consciousness that below the High Tides table you publish daily there appears the caveat "Crown copyright reserved".

Does this date from the time of King Canute?
Yours faithfully,
D. G. CASTEL,
Flat 30a,
151 Wyndford Road, Glasgow.
May 8.

Overfishing threat to food supply

From the Executive Director of Greenpeace UK and others

Sir, Numbers of most North Sea commercial fish species, including cod, herring and plaice, are now well below the levels considered biologically safe. Political inertia and a failure to reconcile differences between science and policy have ultimately led to North Sea fish stocks being in a perilous state.

Yet astonishingly the largest single fishery in the North Sea, the "industrial fishery" for sand eels, is almost unregulated. No catch limits are set and the tiny net mesh sizes allow almost nothing to pass.

Sand eels form a major part of this fishery, which accounts for over half the total fish taken from the North Sea. Sand eels are at the base of the food chain and would usually be food for seabirds, including puffins and gannets; marine mammals, including whales and seals, and most of the commercial fish species humans eat.

By denying these species their food source we further endanger our own future food supplies, the survival of lo-

cal fishing communities and the North Sea marine environment.

We call on the Government to push for emergency measures at the next meeting of EU fisheries ministers, scheduled for mid-June. While we welcome the UK Fisheries Minister's earlier initiative to propose North Sea-wide catch limits for sand eels, emergency measures must also call for special regulations for sensitive areas within the sand-eel industrial fishery.

These initiatives would be in line with the Government's declared opposition to unregulated industrial fishing.

Yours sincerely,
PETER MELCHETT
(Executive Director, Greenpeace UK),
INDRANI LUTCHMAN
(Fisheries Officer, WWF),
ALASTAIR SOMMERVILLE
(Head of Conservation,
Scottish Wildlife Trust),
GRAHAM WYNNE
(Director of Conservation, RSPB),
Greenpeace,
Canonbury Villas, NI.
May 12.

Press in Nigeria

From Mr I. T. Robbins

Sir, It is to be hoped that Michael Binyon's damning report on Nigeria (May 3) was read in particular by people at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and by the directors of Shell UK.

Since seizing power in November 1993 General Sani Abacha's regime has systematically stifled what was a vibrant and self-confident press. In June 1994 the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists wrote to Abacha deploring the detention of journalists and the closure of major publications as clearly in violation of

the provisions of Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The situation now is of course much worse.

If only the leaders of the "free world" had shown a fraction of the commitment and courage displayed by Nigeria's journalists in their fight for democracy over 100 million people might not be suffering the despair and degradation of a life without hope.

Yours faithfully,
TOM ROBBINS
(Personal assistant to
Chief M. K. O. Abiola, 1993-95),
12 Sneyd Hall Road,
Bloxwich, Staffordshire.
May 8.

Estonian arms denial

From the Chargé d'Affaires for Estonia, a.i.

Sir, Your Defence Correspondent ("Russian spies step up watch on British firms", May 7) quotes Russian security sources as saying that the IRA has been using from companies in Estonia to buy arms. One of the mediators is described as "an Estonian extremist organisation called Kaitseteit".

Kaitseteit is a voluntary territorial defence force of Estonian citizens whose functions and obligations are entrenched in the Estonian Constitution. As an integral part of Estonia's defence forces Kaitseteit is at all times under careful governmental scrutiny and thus cannot be engaged in any illegal arms sales, which contravene Estonia's international obligations.

Accusations of illegal arms transit via Estonia, whether to the IRA or any other terrorist organisations, remain completely unfounded. Estonia does not have an arms industry and has never permitted the illegal transit of arms through its territory.

The Republic of Estonia has also repeatedly condemned and opposed the use of terrorism anywhere. Consequently, Estonia has always been ready to co-operate with counter-terrorist agencies of all interested countries, including Russia.

Yours faithfully,
PEEP JAHLO,
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.,
Embassy of the Republic of Estonia,
16 Hyde Park Gate, SW7.
May 9.

MPs and privilege

From Mr Andrew M. Smith

Sir, Your report, "Lawyers warn MPs against tampering with privilege" (May 8), suggests that if MPs are permitted to waive privilege in order to sue for libel, journalists should be allowed to sue an MP for remarks made in the House of Commons.

Judges, lawyers and witnesses enjoy absolute privilege in respect of statements made in court at trial, but there is nothing to prevent them from bringing actions for libel. A journalist who publishes without malice a fair and accurate report of court proceed-

Food safety risks

From Dr Dennis V. Parke

Sir, May 1 comment on the letter from Dr André Menache (May 7) in which he refers to the "scientific impossibility" of proving food safety for human beings from evidence based on animal experiments.

For fifty years or more rapeseed oil was regarded as much too toxic for human consumption as it caused disastrous fatalities when fed to turkeys and mink in the US. Now that rape has been genetically selected to have a lower erucic acid content — a fatty acid that results in heart disease, liver cancer and death — it is widely used in cattle feed and in the production of other foods for human consumption. Most safety evaluation studies of the new rape were conducted in rats, a species not susceptible to erucic acid toxicity. Hence, safety for humans is still unproven.

In 1963 hundreds of people in Spain died after consuming adulterated rapeseed oil fraudulently marketed as olive oil, and thousands became chronically ill. This adulterated rapeseed oil was not toxic to rats, which baffled many toxicologists (WHO, 1964). In view of these findings, and the more recent problems with BSE, CJD and cattle feed, I prefer the far superior flavours of grass-fed beef, dairy butter, and virgin olive oil.

Yours sincerely,
DENNIS V. PARKE,
University of Surrey,
School of Biological Sciences,
Guildford, Surrey.
May 8.

ings also enjoys privilege, which provides a defence to a claim.

The effect of this week's House of Lords amendment to the Defamation Bill, allowing both an MP to sue for libel and a newspaper to justify its publication if it can, would simply be to put members of the legislature in the same position as members of the judiciary.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW SMITH
(Group Managing Director),
Ian Greer Associates Limited
(Public affairs consultants),
19 Catherine Place, SW1.
May 9.

Lawn-free gardens

From Mrs Margaret Harris

Sir, In their leaflet on how to create a drought-proof garden ("Pave over lawns, water company tells gardeners", May 3) Severn Trent has simply posed the question "do we really need lawns?" and asked us to think about it and consider other options.

We have a large lawn and our experience every drought summer has been that it has completely recovered with no help from us. My mother-in-law learnt to drive her electric wheelchair on its apparently dead surface one year.

Brown grass in the summer simply does not matter — but conserving water for the vital areas of life is where our priorities should lie.

Yours faithfully,
M. HARRIS,
Amberley House,
4 Woodchester Road,
Dorridge, Solihull, West Midlands.
May 3.

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Players in British arts renaissance

From Mr Paul Miller

Sir, Benedict Nightingale's welcome account of British dramatists ("Ten with the playwright's staff", Arts, May 1; see also leading article, May 9) left me with rather mixed feelings.

I directed Simon Bent's plays at the Bush Theatre and the National's Studio and hugely admired what I have seen of the others' work. The theatre is indeed the place to be, and it's wonderful to see a vital cultural movement given proper attention. However, his statement that "British dramatists in the two decades after 1956 had spawned few successors worth as much as a mention" bears no examination.

A generation of writers in the 1980s were squeezed out of the dialogue between critics and directors which characterised the period. This led to mass-production of that type of revival over which the directorial signature can be seen writ large: it suited some leading directors to promulgate the "no new playwrights" myth.

Perhaps if the more powerful directors then and now had thrown their weight behind writers this spread of talent would not be so apparently dispersed. At least when they end up in television and film they are remunerated for the kind of "script development" which, paradoxically, the theatre has taken to aping.

The number of talented women produced at this time — among them, Sharran Macdonald, Winsome Pinnock and Timberlake Wertenbaker — is particularly interesting when set against Benedict Nightingale's rather lachrymose team.

The big test for the theatre and critics alike is whether this latest group will be allowed to remain where *The Times*, commendably, has put them — right at the centre of things.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL MILLER,
8 West Lawrence Street, SW3.
May 3.

From Director Arts of the British Council

Sir, Your leader of May 9 cogently makes the point about a renaissance in Britain's arts. Last year the British Council promoted more than 2,000 arts events overseas, mostly involving new British work being presented for the first time.

Many of the artists you mentioned — from James MacMillan to Rachel Whiteread and Damien Hirst — have been promoted abroad by us. This refreshes overseas perceptions of Britain, enhances the reputation of the artists concerned and contributes directly to our political and trade relations.

As the UK's leading presenter of British culture overseas, the Council harnesses resources from public and private sector partners which are many times greater than its own arts budget.

How ironic, therefore, that at a time when the creativity of Britain's arts is internationally recognised, the British Council should be facing cuts of 16 per cent in real terms in its government grant.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TODD,
Director Arts,
The British Council,
10 Spring Gardens, SW1.
May 9.

Labour in Croydon

From the Leader of Croydon Council

Sir, I was amused by the implication in your report of May 1 (News in Brief, later editions) that my newly assumed leadership of this council represents a left-wing takeover.

My background is in multinational marketing and in running my own small business, and I am a committed supporter of New Labour. Under my leadership Labour in Croydon will continue to mean quality, efficiency and partnership with an authority at the forefront of local government innovation.

Yours faithfully,
GERAINT DAVIES,
Leader, Croydon Council,
The Town Hall,
Katharine Street, Croydon, Surrey.
May 2.

Please hold ...

From Mr Alexander Murray

Sir, I am angry at the queuing system which allows firms to waste my time and telephone companies to increase their income — all at my expense.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER MURRAY,
Standalane House,
Kincardine,
Aldio, Clackmannan.
May 10.

It's a cover-up

From Mr P. H. Knight

Sir, I have just received a clothing catalogue offering amongst other items Walk Shorts, Swimshorts and Vest Tops.

I wonder if any of your readers have taken to wearing these garments in preference to shorts, trunks and vests. And if so, are there any benefits?

Yours faithfully,
PETER KNIGHT,
36 Grantham Road, Cambridge.
May 9.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 11: The Princess Royal, Patron, Northern Lighthouse Board, today visited Fair Isle North and South Lighthouses on board *MSV Ringed* and were received by Mr Ian Fraser (Deputy Lieutenant of Shetland).

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 11: The Duke of Gloucester attended a luncheon given by Senator Clairborne Bell at 3485 Prospect Street, Georgetown, Washington DC.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness was present at the Inauguration of the Priory of the Order of St John in the United States of America at Washington

National Cathedral
In the evening The Duke of Gloucester attended a Reception and Dinner at Union Station, Washington DC, to celebrate the Inauguration of the Priory.

YORK HOUSE
May 11: The Duke of Kent, President, accompanied by The Duchess of Kent, this afternoon attended the Football Association's Challenge Cup Final, Wembley Stadium, Wembley, Middlesex.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 12: The Princess Royal, Patron, Northern Lighthouse Board, today visited Copinsay Lighthouse on board *MSV Ringed*.

Birthdays today

Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw, explorer and herald, 52; Mr Dirk Aldous, Chief Constable, Dorset, 52; Mr W.A. Allen, deputy director, monetary analysis, Bank of England, 47; Miss Bea Arthur, actress, 71; Sir John Cope, MP, 59; Miss Eileen Doss, theatrical designer, 65; Mr M.W.R. Dobson, group chief executive, Morgan Grenfell Group, 44; Lord Dorman, 76; Mr Robert Earnshaw, racehorse trainer, 37; Mr Peter Gabriel, singer, 46; General John Galvin, former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, 67; Dr Jane Glover, conductor, 47; Sir John Habakuk, former director, 79; the Earl of Perth, 89; Mr Tim Pigott-Smith, actor, 50; Sir Alfred Pugsley, civil engineer, 93; Mr Alan Rayfield, former Governor, Long Lartin prison, 60; Miss Selina Scott, broadcaster, 45; Miss Helen Sharman, astronaut, 33; Sir Conrad Swan, genealogist, 72; Marquess Townshend, 80; Sir William Ulling, former Chief Inspector, Social Services Inspectorate, 65; Miss Zoe Wamaker, actress, 47; Mr Steve Wonder, singer, 46.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Windsor and Maidenhead District Sports Association for the Disabled and open a new extension to the clubhouse at Braywick Sports Ground, Maidenhead, at 12.30, and as President and Honorary Life Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, will attend a reception to launch the William Shipley Appeal at St James's Palace at 7.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the International Spinal Research Trust, attends the send-off of Push 2000 at Kensington Palace at 11am. The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Automotive Products, Techbrook Road, Leamington Spa, at 10.45; will visit Lymington, Conford Lane, Swift Rugby, at 12.05; and will open the new School House, Rugby School, Rugby, at 1.

Nature notes

REDSTARTS are singing in the oak trees of the West Country: they deliver a short snatch of song, like a robin that keeps starting and never finishes. The male has a jet-black mask, a red breast and a red tail.

Tree pipits are singing and displaying on beeches and woodlands edges: they make a few rippling notes as they fly up into the air from a tall tree, then a rapid burst of notes as they parachute down again. In stinging nests, the young are starting to make loud chirping calls, and both parents fly frantically to and fro collecting food for them.

The flowers of May are slowly beginning to open. The bright pink flowers and hairy leaves of red campion are appearing under the beeches, alongside the smaller pink flowers of herb-robert. In ditches, the hooded



The redstart singer in the oak trees

spikes of cuckoo-pint are unfurling among the leaves, which are like glossy green arrowheads. Where streams run through damp woods, marsh marigolds spread out in brilliant yellow carpets on either side under the trees. Orange-tip butterflies are out in the meadows: their wingtips look as if they have been dipped in orange squash. DJM



Gwen Cooper, Tommy Cooper's widow, wearing his trademark fez, jokes with Norman Wisdom after he unveiled a blue plaque to the comic magician's memory

Comic hero recalled

THE comic magician Tommy Cooper and his place in the public's hearts, were recalled yesterday when a blue plaque was unveiled at Teddington Studios, southwest London, where Cooper, with his shambling gait, failed

tricks, fez and catchphrase "Just like that", filmed most of his television work. Cooper died, aged 62, in 1984.

In Birmingham a statue of the comedian Tony Hancock was unveiled at the city's blood transfusion centre.



In praise of Guy's nurses

By TIM JONES

SOME of the last nurses trained at Guy's Hospital School of Nursing in London were among the congregation who attended a service of thanksgiving to Guy's nurses at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday.

The service paid tribute to the kindness and dedication of thousands of nurses who have passed through the doors of the school since it was opened in 1880. In its early days last century the food was rough and hours were long. A trainee nurse was expected to work ten-hour day shifts or 12-hour night shifts. Nurses would be taught only in the wards;

there was nowhere else. The school became part of a new training college, the Nightingale Institute, when Guy's merged with St Thomas' Hospital in 1993.

Canon Helen Cunliffe, Canon Pastor, welcomed 1,200 people from all over the country who had travelled to show their appreciation and express their thanks to the work of the nurses through the decades.

Staff Nurse Laura Jenkins, who had received her coveted Guy's Badge on Friday, gave a Bible reading from Ecclesiastes, Chapter 44, verses 1-15 which begins: "Let us now praise famous men, the fathers of our people in the generations." When Ms Jen-

kins joined the school she was following in the steps of her mother, who trained there in the late 1960s.

The address was given by the Very Rev Colin Slee, Provost of Southwark, and his remarks were followed by a period of silence for reflection. Prayers were said by the Rev Neville Smith, Chaplain of Guy's Hospital.

A reading from *Matron of Guy's* by Emily E.P. MacManus, was read by Miss Audrey E Crump, who completed her training at Guy's in 1947.

The service ended with The Guy's Prayer: "Bless, O Lord, all who have gone from this place to work in many different parts of the world."

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr John Neiligan and Mr Richard Price to be Circuit Judges, assigned to the Western Circuit.

Mr S. Michael D. Brown to be a member of the Council on Tribunals for three years from May 1.

Mr David Stephens, Principal Officer of the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General, to be Director of the UN Verification Mission in Guatemala.

Luncheon

English-Speaking Union: Mrs Valerie Mitchell, Director-General of the English-Speaking Union, received the guests at a luncheon given by the union at St Paul's Girls' School on Saturday before the national final of The Observer-ESU Schools Public Speaking Competition. In the evening Baroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, received the competition judges and guests at dinner at St Paul's Girls' School.

Service dinners

The Waggon Club: Major-General W. Bate, President of the Waggon Club, presided at a twenty-fifth anniversary annual meeting and members' dinner night of the club held on Saturday

at Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham, Lincolnshire. Lieutenant-Colonel P. Pirch, Chief of Staff HQ RLCTA, was the principal guest. Major-General A.F.J. Elmist and Major-General V.H.J. Carpenter were among those present.

The Middlesex Regiment (DCC) Brigadier B.A.M. Pielow presided at the annual dinner of the Middlesex Regiment (DCC) of Cambridge's Own Officers' Club held on Saturday at the Naval and Military Club.

No 16 Squadron RFC and RAF Association: Air Vice-Marshal R.H. Goodall, Chairman of No 16 Squadron RFC and RAF Association, and Mrs Goodall received the guests at the annual reunion dinner held on Saturday at the RAF Club, Piccadilly.

Museum will trace history of Holocaust

By JOHN YOUNG

A NEW permanent exhibition on the Holocaust, which Churchill called "the most horrible crime committed in the whole history of the world", will open in 1999 at the Imperial War Museum in London.

The 1,400 square metres of display space on two floors will occupy part of the third and final stage of the museum's extension, at present being designed by Arup Associates and expected to cost more than £13 million. It will provide visiting students with a full narrative account of the tragedy, which is now on the national schools curriculum.

The story will begin with the Weimar Republic and the rise of Nazism, and go on to describe the anti-Jewish measures in Hitler's Germany; pre-war attempts by Jews to emigrate; war and internment; the extermination camps; resistance, including the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising; and the eventual liberation of the camps and the exposure of the horrors to the world. The question of whether more could have been done to save the Jews will also be explored.

The exhibits will include much original film footage and, it is hoped, one of the railway cars used in the deportations. There will also be documents, posters, cartoons, paintings, pamphlets and newspapers, many of which have not been on display in Britain before. Visitors will be able to inspect contemporary maps, passports and visas, high-level official correspondence relating to the situation in occupied Europe.

In a message to the museum the Prime Minister described the Holocaust as an event of unparalleled evil. There were still many survivors in Britain; their testimonies would be part of the exhibition's strength, John Major said.

Among the exhibition's patrons are Lord Bullock, a leading historian of the Holocaust, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, and his predecessor, Lord Runcie. Cardinal Basil Home, Archbishop of Westminster, Lord Jakobovits, the former Chief Rabbi, and the present Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks, Lord Rothschild, Lord Sainsbury and Lord Weidenfeld.

Abbey Hall

The School is holding an Old Boys' Day on June 15. Any Old Boy who has not yet received an invitation is requested to contact the School. In July John Walker, at present headmaster of Bramcote School in Scarborough, and his wife Janie take over from Michael and Mary Haggard, who are retiring after 22 years.

Rannies

Rannies is closing in July 1996. A reunion for former staff and students will be held at the Selfridge Hotel in London on Saturday, June 22, at noon. To reserve a place send a cheque payable to ECF for £16 together with your name and year of attendance and a SAE. Numbers are limited. Eastbourne College of Food and Fashion, 1, Sussex Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN20 7AA.

Marriages

Viscount Folkestone and Miss A.M. Stanford: The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Etheldreda, Gillingham, Northampton, of Viscount Folkestone, eldest son of the Earl of Radnor and of Lady Cox, to Miss Melissa Stanford, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Stanford. Canon William Gibbs officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Jake Goedhuis, India Rose Smith, Thomas Lorimer, Grace Carter, Ludo Watson, Kity Faulkner and Jamie, Clare and Lara Feydel-Bouvier. Mr Angus Gibson was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Dr C.D. Arden and Miss N.J.P. Clarke: The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Nicholas, Old Shoreham, West Sussex, of Dr Christopher Arden, younger son of the Right Rev Donald and Mrs Arden, of Finner, Middlesex, to Miss Nadine Clarke, only daughter of Commander and Mrs David Clarke, of Seven Kings, Essex. The Right Rev Donald Arden, father of the bridegroom, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Harriet Crofton, Miss Elizabeth Dack, Miss Deborah Ruwald, Miss Charlotte Alsop and Miss Clare Halsey. Mr Bezi Arden was best man.

A reception was held at the Anchor Inn, Barcombe, Lewes, and the honeymoon will be spent in San Francisco.

Mr J.J. Jardine Paterson and Miss A.J.C. Ryan: The marriage took place on Saturday in the Royal Memorial Chapel, RMA Sandhurst, of Mr Jonathan Jardine Paterson, son of Sir John and Lady Jardine Paterson, of Norton Bavant, Wiltshire, to Miss Amanda Ryan, daughter of Major-General and Mrs Denis Ryan, of Raddinghoe, Shropshire. The Rev Alistair Heagerty officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by George Benner, Laura Clifton-Brown, Nicholas Galman, Hamish Grant, William Howes and Edwin Wright. Mr Dominic Griffith was best man.

A reception was held in the Indian Army Memorial Room and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Dante Alighieri, poet, Florence, 1265; Alphonse Daudet, writer, Nîmes, 1840; Sir Arthur Sullivan, composer, London, 1842; Sir Frank Brangwyn, painter, Bruges, 1867; Sir Ronald Ross, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate, 1902; Alimora, India, 1857; Georges Braque, Cubist, Argenteuil, France, 1882; Daphne Du Maurier, novelist, London, 1907; Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion 1937-49, Lexington, Alabama, 1914.

DEATHS: Baron Georges Cuvier, zoologist and statesman, Paris, 1832; John Nash, architect, Cowes, 1835; Shalom Aleichem (Solomon J. Rabinowitz), Yiddish and Hebrew writer, New York, 1916; Alfred Milner, Viscount Milner, imperialist, Surrey Court, near Canterbury, 1925; Fridtjof Nansen, Norwegian explorer and statesman, Nobel Peace laureate, 1922; Lysaker, Norway, 1930; Frances Hodgkins, artist, Dorchester, 1947; Gary Cooper, actor, Los Angeles, 1961.

The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia, 1607. The German economy totally collapsed, 1927. Italian and German forces in Africa surrendered, 1943. Pope John Paul II survived an assassination attempt by a Turkish gunman in St Peter's Square, 1981.

ROYAL AIR FORCE
GROUP CAPTAIN: R.M. Thomas to RAF Linton-on-Ouse, 16.5.96; T.P. Brewer to HQ JC, 13.5.96.
WING COMMANDER: G.K. Wishart to HQ JC, 16.5.96; B.D. Harvey to HQ JC, 13.5.96; D.P. How to HQ JC, 13.5.96; D. Humphries to HQ JC, 13.5.96.
RETIREMENTS
GROUP CAPTAIN: C.J. McQuillan, 15.5.96.

Mr P.J. Fairchild and Miss L.V. Scraggs: The marriage took place on Saturday, May 11, 1996, at the London Oratory, between Mr Peter James Fairchild, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Fairchild, of Fulham, London, and Miss Lesli Veronica Scraggs, daughter of Mr and Mrs Matthew Paul Scraggs, of Netherthorn Green, Liverpool.

Mr J.J.P. Nunn and Miss C.G. Farner-Brown: The marriage took place on May 4, 1996, at St Mary's Church, Wargrave, between Mr Jerome Nunn and Miss Catherine Farner-Brown.

A reception was held at Phyllis Court, Henley-on-Thames.

Mr P.O'Reilly-Hyland and Miss J. Wyser-Pratte: The marriage took place on Saturday, May 11, at the Chapel of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, New York, between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth O'Reilly-Hyland, of Tipperary, Ireland, and Joelle, elder daughter of Mr Guy Wyser-Pratte, of New York City, and Mrs Heather Wyser-Pratte, of Palm Beach, Florida. Father Denis Delaney officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr Kenneth O'Reilly-Hyland II, brother of the groom, was best man.

A reception was held at the Metropolitan Club and the honeymoon will be in Botswana.

Mr R.M. Whitworth and Miss J.R. Hucker: The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, May 11, 1996, at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Milford, Surrey, between Mr Robin Michael Whitworth and Miss Joanna Richenda Hucker.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.C. Burke and Miss N. March: The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Mr and Mrs M. Burke, of Malden, Essex, and Naomi, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon, of Molecomb, Goodwood, Sussex.

Mr H.J. Pinnau and Miss E.M.A. Noel: The engagement is announced between Henry, eldest son of Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Pinnau and Mrs Andrew Parker Bowles, and Elizabeth, only daughter of the Hon Gerard and Mrs Noel.

Appointments in the Forces

ROYAL NAVY AND ROYAL MARINES
COMMANDER: S. Bevan to Staff of 25/CNH 13.1.96; P.D. Hudson to JHQ Wootton Bassett, 20.5.96; R.A. Marshall to Staff of 25/CNH 13.1.96; R.E. Potts to Staff of 25/CNH 13.1.96; A.J. Rix to Staff of 25/CNH 13.1.96.
SURGEON COMMANDER: D.C. R. Priestland to exchange Army, 15.5.96.
LOCAL LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: J.S. Baxter to Drake, 13.0.96; V.N. Rowe to S Africa 23.0.96.

RETIREMENTS
LOCAL LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: A.C. Smith, 12.7.96.
CAPTAIN: D. Cartridge, 20.7.96; J.K. Dobson, 3.8.96; A.G. Hamilton, 1.8.96; J. Hartley, 1.8.96; R.H. Simpson, 27.7.96.
MAJOR: H.H. Francis, 24.7.96.

THE ARMY
MAJOR GENERAL: T.J. Sullivan to be COS HQ ARRC, 17.5.96.
BRIGADIER: C.R. Watt to be Director ASC, 13.5.96.

RETIREMENTS
A. Dean, late RA CH D, 18.5.96.
COLONEL: A.J.G. Wright, late WG, 16.5.96.

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RETIREMENTS
GROUP CAPTAIN: C.J. McQuillan, 15.5.96.

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Year set, you boots in the field; for the open country will be green, the trees will bear fruit, the vines yield their harvest. Joel 2: 22 (1923).

BIRTHS

BURTON - To Captain and Mrs B. Burton, a son, Anthony William Matthew Burton, on Saturday 4th May 1996, Canon Hospital, Hong Kong.

ROBERTS - On 3rd May, to Peter and Susan, a daughter, Sarah Alice, a sister for Isabella and Alfred.

WYMAN - On May 10th, to Venetia (née Turner) and Jamie, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, Canon Hospital.

DEATHS

COATS - Tim, peacefully on May 9th aged 69, at The Royal Marsden Hospital, London. Private Family Funeral at his own request. Donations: V Charity, The Heron Ward at The Royal Marsden Hospital.

COLLIER - Best Douglas, Fletcher Nurseries, 180 Hill, on May 9th. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Tuesday 14th May at Heaton Crematorium at 3.30 pm.

ROBINSON - On 4th May, suddenly at home Ronald Charles aged 81. Much loved husband of Pamela and father of Michael. Private service on Tuesday 14th May at 11.30 am. Flowers to Gurnel & Chapman, Healdy Road, Graythorpe, Lincs.

WALSH - On May 8th, suddenly at home, Walter Kenneth Walsh, aged 87 years. Ex Master 4th Gordon Rifles. Now resident with Lena. Loving father of Ann Robinson. Family service at the family home, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770,

OBITUARIES

HERBERT BROWNELL

Herbert Brownell Jr, Attorney-General in the Eisenhower Administration, 1953-57, died in Manhattan on May 1 aged 92. He was born in Peru, Nebraska, on February 20, 1904.



THERE were two apparently contradictory aspects to Herbert Brownell, who at one time was arguably second only to President Dwight D. Eisenhower in the range and scope of his influence on American life. By one account, he was an anti-Left crusader of McCarthyite proportions, pledged to "destroy utterly" all Communist Party activity in the United States. By the other, he was an outspoken advocate of civil rights who did much to ensure the desegregation of the Deep South. Fortunately for the civil rights struggle, this second aspect of Brownell was not in evidence when Eisenhower, then President-elect, chose him to be his first Attorney-General in November 1952.

Herbert Brownell was the son of a professor of science at the University of Nebraska, where he too later studied. He grew up in a Methodist household of genteel poverty but formidable intellectual energy — all seven children did remarkably well at university. Politics was Brownell's chief interest as a boy, one apocryphal story described him briefing his own parents on how to vote before they went to the polls. But he was also president of the debating society and loved with the idea of becoming a journalist, editing the newspaper at Lincoln High School.

Brownell became seriously immersed in Republican politics soon after his graduation from Yale University Law School, and while he was working for a law firm in New York. Lord Day & Lord. He was a member of the New York State Assembly from 1932 to 1937. But after five years, with a young family to support, he decided to quit the legislature to spend more time on the law practice which he felt he had neglected.

In 1942 he returned to politics to manage the campaign of his old political friend Thomas E. Dewey for the governorship of New York. The result was that New York got a Republican Governor, after almost two decades of Democratic governorship. Less successfully, he managed Dewey's presidential campaigns in 1944 and 1948. As chairman of the Republican National Committee during 1944-45, he worked on reorganising the party.

In March 1952 Brownell was brought to Eisenhower's attention by various mutual admirers, including Dewey, for the job of campaign manager. Brownell was not at all sure that he was the right man — particularly after Dewey's two defeats — and he

was additionally worried that Eisenhower, for all his qualities as a soldier and statesman, might not be sufficiently politically sophisticated to control factions of the Republican Party.

They met in Paris for two days of talks, and Brownell returned convinced that, if Eisenhower had areas of ignorance, they could be filled in fast, and that furthermore the general had the necessary equanimity to do the job. Brownell went on to play a crucial backstage advisory role in the campaign — it was said that Eisenhower had more confidence in his political advice than in that of anyone else.

It was at Brownell's urging that Eisenhower selected Richard Nixon as his running-mate. Rewarded with the post of Attorney-General, Brownell became a key member of the Eisenhower Cabinet. He was soon generating controversy by implicating former President Truman in the protection of a suspected Soviet spy — Harry Dexter

White — in his Administration. It was on Brownell's strong recommendation in 1953 that Eisenhower rejected pleas for clemency on behalf of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted two years earlier of conspiring to disclose nuclear secrets to the Soviet Union. The Rosenbergs were duly executed, and for the next two years Brownell pressured Congress with demands for ever more stringent laws against Communists. These included the death penalty for peacetime spying as well as wartime espionage, and compelling witnesses to testify if granted immunity from criminal prosecution. Scores of left-wing organisations were added to the Attorney-General's list of "subversive groups" — totalling more than 300 by 1955.

A further example of Brownell's influence came in 1953 when, on his advice, Eisenhower chose Earl Warren to head the Supreme Court. The result was a steady stream of landmark

decisions in civil rights cases, led by that of *Brown v Board of Education* in 1954 which barred racial segregation in public schools. This was not quite what Eisenhower had had in mind when he appointed Warren to the court but it was very much to the liking of Brownell, who proceeded to engineer the appointment of a series of strong-willed independent judges to the Southern courts to implement the Supreme Court rulings.

In 1957 Brownell proposed a new civil rights Bill. Though it was considerably watered down before being passed by Congress, it was still the first legislation of its kind to be enacted since Reconstruction.

Brownell was a persuasive man, a canny tactician and a formidable advocate. Fighting him, an opponent once said, was "like wrestling with a cloud". He would sit slumped in his chair at political conferences, and when he spoke did so quietly. His judgment was delivered in the measured tones of the lawyer summing up a knotty case before a jury.

He used the intellectual superiority he undoubtedly enjoyed over Eisenhower on one further occasion: to convince him that he should send in federal troops to resolve the school segregation crisis in Little Rock, Arkansas. But Brownell had now become an Attorney-General more insistent on integration than the President wanted; and, more threateningly, he had become a roadblock in the way of the Republican drive to gain support in the South. When he offered his resignation just one month after the Little Rock incident, Eisenhower accepted it without protest.

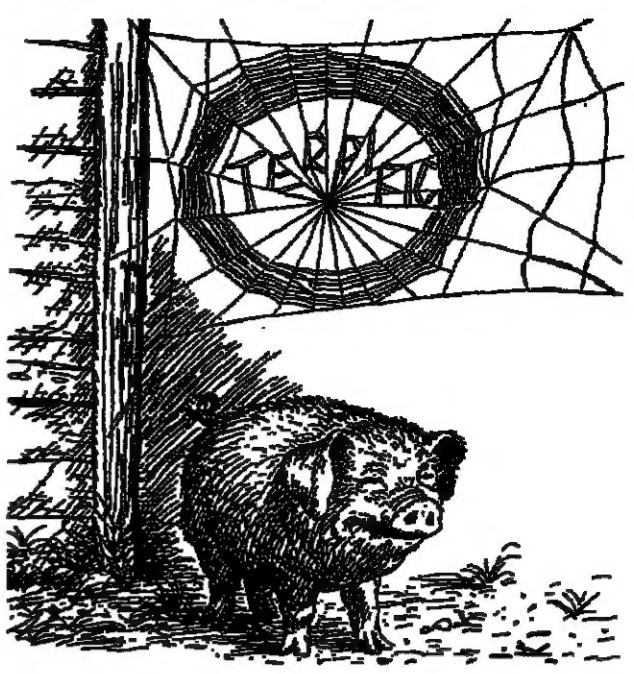
Brownell then returned to his old law firm in New York which he had joined as a young man of 28. He almost went back into public service in 1969 when Richard Nixon became President. In return perhaps for his part in the launching of his own career, the new President wanted to make Brownell Chief Justice.

But memories in American politics are long and when it became clear that a group of Southern senators would fight the nomination tooth-and-nail, Brownell made it clear that at the age of 65 he had no heart for such a battle. The post went instead to a significantly less well-known figure, Warren Burger, at the time a judge in the US Court of Appeals in Washington. He was to remain Chief Justice of the United States until 1986.

Herbert Brownell was a devoted family man. He met his wife Doris at a Methodist church dance in New York in 1933 and married her the following year. She died in 1979. Brownell's subsequent marriage in 1987 was brief and ended in divorce. He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

GARTH WILLIAMS

Garth Williams, book illustrator, died in Guanajuato, Mexico, on May 8 aged 84. He was born in New York in 1911.



THE artist who perhaps did more than any other to squash children's squeamishness of spiders, Garth Williams was the illustrator of the nursery classic *Charlotte's Web*. For generations of children, Charlotte, the tender-hearted spider and the runt-piglet Wilbur whom she befriends and saves, will always be remembered just as Williams imagined them.

Believing that the young were profoundly influenced by the books which they read, Williams used his illustrations to try to "awaken something of importance...humour, responsibility, respect for others, interest in the world at large". E. B. White's *Charlotte's Web* provided him with ideal material and his drawings, innocent but precise, were in perfect harmony with this amusing, compassionate tale. While his renderings of such farmyard characters as Templeton the gluttonous rat were cheerily comic there were sadder moments. The illustration in which Charlotte's myriad of spiderlets hatch and drift away on their parachutes of silk, leaving Wilbur the pig forlorn below, remains in most nursery books spotted with children's tears.

Among other books which Williams illustrated was *The Little House on the Prairie* and its sequels. His drawings evoke the essence of Laura Ingalls Wilder's calico-clad family, romping through meadows and collecting maple syrup as they pursued their lives of moral adventure. He also wrote seven children's books himself. However, it was primarily as an illustrator that he was known, cherished for his heartwarming vision of a world of bears and elves, kittens and crickets, prancing fairies and plump farmers' wives.

Although born in the city, Garth Williams was brought up on a farm in New Jersey immersed in the rural way of life which he was later to draw upon in his work as an illustrator. He grew up, he said, "a typical Huckleberry

Finn", roaming barefoot around the countryside, watching the farmer milking the cows by hand. His father was a cartoonist and his mother a landscape painter. "In my home everybody was always either painting or drawing," he said, and he too began to draw at an early age.

When his parents moved to England he studied architecture for a short while before changing his mind and becoming a student of painting and sculpture at the Royal Academy of Art. He supported himself after his graduation by taking a job as the headmaster of Linton Art School, but resigned as soon as he won a Prix de Rome. In Italy he concentrated on his work as a sculptor.

During the Second World War he served as a Red Cross ambulance dispatcher in London, but was injured in an air raid. As soon as the war was over he returned to America, where he hoped to find work as a cartoonist. He approached the New Yorker but was rejected. His work was "too wild and too European" for their taste. Some of his smaller drawings, however, appeared in the magazine where they were spotted by Ursula Nordstrom, then children's book editor at Harper and Row. She admired his talent and when shortly afterwards a manuscript from E. B. White arrived with a

note saying "try Garth Williams" pinned to its flysheet, Williams found himself with his first important commission. Published in 1945, this book, *Stuart Little*, enjoyed such success that Williams decided to become a professional illustrator of children's books. In 1952 he again collaborated with White on *Charlotte's Web*.

Williams also illustrated works by such writers as E. B. White, Margaret Wise Brown, Russell Hoban, Randall Jarrell and George Selden.

Of the seven books which he himself wrote, one, *The Rabbit Wedding*, caused a good deal of controversy. The White Citizens Council in Alabama attacked his vision of a moonlit marriage between a black and a white rabbit, witnessed by the denizens of the woodland world. Williams was accused of promoting racial integration and his book was withdrawn from library circulation in Alabama.

For the last 40 years of his life, Williams returned to the rural life he had relished as a child. He built a farm in Guanajuato and divided his time between it and his home in San Antonio, Texas. He is survived by his wife Leticia, and by five daughters and a son. His eldest daughter, Fiona, was the model for the little girl Fern in *Charlotte's Web*.

BELA DE CSILLERY

Bela de Csillery, conductor and music administrator, died on April 17 aged 80. He was born on October 26, 1915.



FOR 21 years Bela de Csillery directed the Kent Youth Orchestra, transforming it into one of the finest such orchestras in the land. It provided a valuable and challenging training ground for hundreds of young musicians, many of whom have subsequently enjoyed successful careers.

As with every youth orchestra, de Csillery would regularly lose a significant proportion of his carefully nurtured talent at the end of each academic year. Yet every new season there would be a fresh crop of young musicians who would be enthused, cajoled, trained — and, if necessary, bullied — into producing the quality of music demanded of them by their Hungarian maestro.

During de Csillery's 21-year reign, the Kent Youth Orchestra, which he founded in 1963, blazed a trail by becoming one of the first youth orchestras to record for the BBC. A number of its broadcasts were released on BBC 2 Records, including the London premiere of Dohnanyi's Second Symphony. In 1970 it represented Britain at Herbert von Karajan's youth orchestra festival in Berlin, along with the young pianist Andrew Haigh. Haigh was one of many of today's professional musicians who were encouraged by de Csillery. Others include the pianist John Lill and the violinist Marcia Crayford.

The son of a doctor who firmly opposed the idea of a musical career, Bela de Csillery had nevertheless become an accomplished violinist by the time he entered Budapest University to study law. After completing his legal doctorate, de Csillery studied the violin with Zoltan Kodaly at the Franz Liszt Academy and for a while enjoyed a successful career in Europe as both a soloist and as an orchestral violinist. Among the conduc-

tors he worked with were Felix Weingartner, a prodigy of Franz Liszt, and Willem Mengelberg.

In 1940, at the age of just 25, de Csillery was appointed music director of the highly acclaimed Budapest Municipal Orchestra (since 1952 the State Symphony Orchestra) but before long he was attracting attention elsewhere as a promising young conductor. Ernest Ansermet, who formed L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande in 1918 and directed it for 58 years, spotted de Csillery and invited him to Geneva to be his assistant at a time when the orchestra was at the height of its powers. De Csillery was also offered engagements with orchestras in Munich, Barcelona, Innsbruck and Turin.

He came to England in 1953 to take up a musical position which ultimately fell through. Instead he became Head of Music at Trinity College, Glenalmond, in

Tayside through a contact at the Scottish National Orchestra where he was guest-conducting. The suppression of the Hungarian uprising by the force of Soviet arms in 1956 discouraged him from returning to Budapest. It was with some relief in 1962 that he accepted an appointment as Kent County Music Adviser. But he was determined not to treat it as a purely administrative post, and within his first 12 months had launched the Kent Youth Orchestra. He was a man of great vitality and emotion. On one occasion, to demonstrate the degree of intensity he wanted from the youth orchestra's string section in a performance of Mahler's Fifth Symphony, de Csillery turned up at a rehearsal with a red heart sewn to the sleeve of his shirt.

In addition to his duties at County Hall in Maidstone, de Csillery headed the Kent Junior Music School on Saturday mornings, directed many choral works, conducted the Maidstone Symphony Orchestra and created the semi-professional Kent Sinfonia.

Although his position was potentially fraught with political interference, de Csillery's legal training and negotiating skills came in useful throughout his life. At a time when other county musical services saw their budgets cut, his increased — reflecting the way in which the county was placed firmly on the international music map. He retired in 1981 but remained with the youth orchestra for a further three years.

As well as his music, Bela de Csillery enjoyed the great outdoors. During the 1950s he climbed the Matterhorn and continued mountain climbing long after many would have given up.

Both his wives were outstanding solo violinists. His marriage in 1944 to Johanna Martzy was dissolved 15 years later. He married Gillian Sansom in 1965; she predeceased him three years ago and he is survived by their two sons.

JAMES RUSSELL

James Russell, garden designer and plantsman, died on April 28 aged 76. He was born on April 3, 1920.



COMBINING an encyclopaedic knowledge of plants with an intuitive flair for design, James Russell was the creator of the magnificent arboretum at Castle Howard. Fully documenting all the plants which he nurtured over its sweeping 120-acre landscape, he created not only a tourist attraction but a living library of lasting scientific importance.

James Philip Cumming Russell was educated at Eton. His family hoped that he would enter either the Army or the Diplomatic Service, but he was determined to be a gardener. He gained a place to study botany at Trinity College, Cambridge, but with the outbreak of the Second World War was commissioned into the Hertfordshire Yeomanry. He was invalided out of the Army in 1943.

In 1939 his father together with a distant cousin had jointly purchased the nursery of Standish & Noble, which had been founded in 1847 and was based in Sunningdale. After the war James Russell took up the challenge of managing this nursery. It had long been in decline, but under his care it prospered.

In 1955, with Sacheverell Sitwell, Russell co-authored the first part of *Old Garden Roses* (a series of illustrated books). He co-authored the second part with Wilfred

Blunt. His interest in roses was furthered when, in 1956, he employed the doyen of gardening, Graham Thomas, who added his already famous rose collection to the nursery. Russell expanded the garden design side of the business. This was to lead to his being involved with changes or full developments to more than 200 gardens in the British Isles, as well as other gardens in Italy, France and Belgium.

Rhododendrons were another of Russell's great interests and in 1960 he published *Rhododendrons at Sunningdale*. This marked a pivotal change in his life. Looking back, he had become bound by historic links to Standish & Noble's fame in raising newly discovered rho-

dodendrons. Sir Joseph Hooker (later director of Kew) sent seed of his Sikkim collections to the nursery in 1849 and by 1854 no fewer than 26 new species had been established from this source. In 1858 the beautiful *Rhododendron thompsonii* flowered for the first time in Europe. It was the progeny of these plants, along with many later successes of the nursery, that Russell took with him in 1968 (when the nursery was sold) to the unlikely setting of the edge of the North York Moors.

George Howard, of Castle Howard, had invited him to help with the development of the garden as a tourist attraction. Work started with a very large rose garden, concentrating on old varieties, and the 30

acre Ray Wood which was to house the rhododendrons. The rhododendrons flourished, and to them has been added a remarkable collection of temperate forest plants. But this was only a prelude to the development of the 120-acre arboretum.

In 1983, Russell realised another great ambition when he participated in the joint Chinese Academy of Sciences / Royal Botanic Garden Kew's expedition to Fanling Shan, a remote mountain in the province of Guizhou. He thus became one of the first Europeans to see the aged rhododendron forest of this misty limestone peak, and to cultivate its many species, hitherto not seen in the West.

Russell also pioneered new approaches to the landscaping of tropical conservatory interiors.

In 1981 the Royal Horticultural Society awarded Russell its Gold Veitch Medal and, in 1988 the coveted Victoria Medal of Honour (VMH). There are only ever 63 holders of this award, the full number of years of Queen Victoria's reign.

Russell's name is permanently commemorated by a new species of Mahonia (*M. russellii*) which he discovered in the Sierra de Chiconiquico in Mexico in 1964. But the Castle Howard arboretum was his greatest achievement, and one for which he was still avidly raising plants in his retirement spent in Fife.

James Russell never married.

Church news

New bishops

Peterborough
The Right Rev Ian Cundy, Suffragan Bishop of Lewes in the diocese of Chichester, is to be Bishop of Peterborough, succeeding the Right Rev William Westwood, who retired on December 28.

Warrington
The Ven John Packer, Archdeacon of West Cumberland, diocese of Carlisle, is to be Suffragan Bishop of Warrington, diocese of Liverpool. He succeeds the Right Rev Michael Henshall, who retires in October.

Warwick
Canon Anthony Priddis, Rector of Amersham with Colshill, diocese of Oxford, is to be Suffragan Bishop of Warwick, diocese of Coventry. He succeeds the Right Rev Clive Handford, Bishop-designate of Cyprus and the Gulf.

Prebendary Richard Gilpin, Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Adviser in Vocations, and Sub-Dean of Exeter Cathedral (Exeter), is to be Archdeacon of Totnes, same diocese.

Other appointments include:
The Rev Vivien Ashworth, Hon Assistant Curate, Ingleton w Chapel-le-Dale, to be also half-time Rural Youth Adviser (Bradford).
The Rev Joseph Ayok-Loewenberg, Mission Partner, Church Mission Society, to be Priest-in-Charge, Synodsbury and Chideock (Salisbury).
The Rev Paul Bagshaw, Assistant Curate, St Mary Magdalene, Newark, Newark Team Ministry, to be Priest-in-Charge, All Hallows, Ordsall, and St Alban's, Retford (Southwell).
The Rev Justin Bailey, Assistant Curate, Oakdale Team Ministry, to be Priest-in-Charge, Millon Abbas, Hilton with Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey (Salisbury).

The Rev Neil Barker, Rector, St Peter, Woodmancroft (Southwark), to be also Mothers' Union Diocesan Chaplain.

The Rev Christopher Barley, Curate, Upton-cum-Chalvey, Slough, to be Team Vicar, Wycombe Team Ministry, responsible for St Anne and St George, Sands (Oxford).
The Rev Peter Boulton-Lea, Rector, Kirk Sandall with Edenhorne, to be Vicar, Campsall, Doncaster. He will resign as Rural Dean of Doncaster (Sheffield).
Canon Paul Bunday, permission to officiate, Chalkie Deanery (Salisbury), to be a Canon Emeritus of Salisbury Cathedral.
The Rev Ivan Butcher, Curate, Greater Corsham (Bristol), to be Vicar, Overbury with Teddington, Alstone and Little Washbourne w Beckford and Ashton-under-Hill (Worcester).
The Rev David Cameron, Curate, Guildford Holy Trinity with St Mary, Vicar, Fenton (Lichfield).

The Rev Brian Camp, Team Vicar, Halesowen Team Ministry (Worcester), to be Priest-in-Charge, St Giles, Sheldon (Birmingham).

The Rev Lois Cater, Curate (NSM), Devizes St John and St Mary, to be Team Vicar (NSM), Alderbury Team Ministry (Salisbury).
The Rev Robert Chavner, Curate, St George, Beckenham, to be Minister of the Conventual District of St Luke, Sevenoaks.
Resignations and retirements
The Rev Nigel John, Chaplain of Whitelands College (Southwark), to resign on June 30.
The Rev Judy Lynas, Assistant Curate, Lychett Minster (Salisbury), to resign on May 19.
The Rev Kenneth Skipper, Vicar, Londesborough, held with Burnby, Numburnholme and Shipthorpe with Hayton (York), to retire on July 2 on health grounds.
The Rev Robert Webb, Rector, Heynesbury and Sutton Verry (Salisbury), to retire on July 31.

CHALLENGE TO THE SPIRIT

Preaching in Canterbury Cathedral this morning, the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr Cosmo Lang) made a stirring call to the nation for courage and determination in present dangers. "The hour has come, it has struck, and with it comes the testing of the nation," he said. "By the invasion of Belgium and Holland, following quickly on the invasion of Denmark and Norway, the ruler of Germans has thrown down a challenge to the peace and freedom of the whole world, and now openly and defiantly to our own land. "How shall it be met? Let me answer in the words of one of our most trusted statesmen, Lord Halifax, a man who never speaks lightly: 'We are facing the most dangerous challenge this country has ever had to meet in its history and a challenge which calls for every ounce of energy — material, intellectual, and spiritual — that this country can summon to its task.' Yes, spiritual for it is the

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With the Nazi invasion of The Netherlands and Belgium the "cold war" ended and Britain faced up to the possibility of invasion.

spirit of the people that must rise to meet the challenge.

"It is on the spirit of the people, their character, qualities, calmness, courage, determination, strength, and clearness of the ultimate ideals, that the issue will depend. In this summons to the spirit of the nation all controversies, personal and political, must be forgotten. All parties and classes must combine and get together." In order to achieve unity in the Government, the Archbishop continued, the former Prime Minister gener-

ously surrendered his high office. All of them must think of him with sympathy and gratitude for his great services.

"Let his example be followed. Let the whole nation stand behind the King's Forces, on sea, on land, and in the air with indomitable and undaunted spirit. Might there must be for the defence of right, might as great as could be assembled. Power there must be to overthrow not only dangers but to answer that force which every day showed itself, alike in the ends it sought and in the methods it used, to be essentially evil."

Victory, if it were to be won, would be won finally in the realm of the spirit. Referring to the forces of evil which were overthrowing the freedom of nations and of their peoples, scorning truth, trampling on justice and mercy, and arrayed against everything that we could conceive the Divine will and purpose to be, he asked: "Can we doubt that it is in accordance with that Divine will and purpose that these forces of evil should be resisted and overcome?"

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